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Jewish gallery owner kept Hitler off the headline

By MAURICE SAMUELSON
LONDON (JTA). — For two of the most important years of his early life, Adolf Hitler owed his livelihood to a Polish Jew whose art galleries in Vienna sold Hitler's water-colours as cheap souvenirs to tourists.

When Hitler marched into Austria in 1938, Jacob Altenberg's business was confiscated. During World War II, all but one of his many relatives in Poland were murdered by the Nazis.

Altenberg, unwitting benefactor of the Jewish people's greatest enemy, was born near Tarnopol, Poland, in 1875, the son of a master glider. He went to Vienna as a young man and, after serving his apprenticeship, built up a successful antiques and art business there.

His hitherto unknown link with Hitler was disclosed by his 87-year-old daughter, Dele Heller-Binder, who has lived in England since she fled from Austria in 1939 with her husband and only daughter.

Her account sheds new light on Hitler's years of frustration and bitterness in Vienna shortly before World War I. Until now, historians have described these years as the most obscure period in Hitler's early life, although as he confessed in *Mein Kampf*, that was when he conceived his murderous hatred of the Jewish people.

Heller-Binder was 12 when she herself first saw the unkempt Adolf Hitler bringing his mediocre but saleable water-colours to one of her father's high-class shops.

"My father was the only purchaser of Hitler's work in Vienna. They seemed to be simple copies of postcards — possibly even tracings — which Hitler had then painted with water-colours.

"To make them saleable, we mounted and framed them in our workshop. But they were the cheapest items we ever sold, and the only people who were interested in them were tourists buying cheap souvenirs of Vienna," she says.

Heller-Binder, who at 16 became her father's business assistant, recalls selling many of Hitler's paintings herself. She believes that up to 100 of these pictures passed through her father's galleries and that during those two years, before Hitler suddenly moved to Munich, they were Hitler's sole source of income.

Heller-Binder had been introduced to her father, she says, by Reinhold Hanisch, whom Hitler had met while staying in a workers' hostel. Historians have depicted this man as a tramp who was put in prison after Hitler accused him of cheating him over his pictures.

But Heller-Binder, who remembers Hanisch well, ridicules this story. Hanisch, she says, was a

man of integrity, an exceptionally talented maker of silhouettes who, when not selling his work in Vienna, lived with his family in the Sudetenland.

Whether or not Hitler was aware of Altenberg's Polish Jewish background, he certainly remembered their business relationship. In March 1938, within hours of Hitler's triumphant entry into Vienna, the Gestapo descended on one of the galleries demanding the *Hitler Bilder* (Hitler pictures). They took away two larger water-colours which had hung in a corner for more than 25 years because they were unsaleable.

When Altenberg was stripped of his galleries under the anti-Jewish laws, his Aryan wife wrote to Hitler, politely reminding him of how they had helped him in his years of hardship and requesting that their property be restored to them.

She was then summoned to the local Nazi headquarters, where she was told she could keep one of the four galleries — on condition that she agreed in writing to leave her husband. She indignantly refused, saying: "You can keep the galleries. I shall keep my good Jew."

Altenberg managed to avoid deportation during the war and died of natural causes in 1944. But his daughter says this was solely because of his marriage into a large Catholic family and had nothing to do with his early link with Adolf Hitler.

Israel to keep on probing — Peres

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies
Prime Minister Peres said yesterday that Israel would continue digging into Kurt Waldheim's past but would not take any action against the Austrian president-elect until it was sure of its facts.

Peres, addressing high school students at Kiryat Tivon near Haifa, said the Justice Ministry was still compiling evidence regarding allegations that Waldheim was involved in crimes against Jews and Yugoslavs when he served in Hitler's army in World War II.

But Peres said Israel was not a "newspaper that could just react by writing an editorial" against Waldheim's election. "We must check everything with the utmost seriousness... we are continuing to check. The feeling is very bad," he added.

Peres also said Sunday's Austrian elections had "real anti-Semitic overtones." He said Austrians were "under obligation to unequivocally denounce their monstrous past and express regret and remorse so that such acts do not recur in the future... very few such voices had been raised in Austria."

Peres said that for the time being Israel would not take any further action beyond summoning home its ambassador from Vienna for consultations.

Israel recalled Ambassador Michael Elitzur just 12 hours after the election results were announced. Elitzur is due in Israel today, a Foreign Ministry official said.

Israel's final decision on how to deal with Austria in the Kurt Waldheim era should be based on "the facts about the man's past as they come in," Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens said yesterday.

If it is proved that Waldheim was a war criminal, "then clearly we cannot have ties with him," Arens said.

MK Eliezer Ben-Elissar (Likud), a Holocaust survivor, also stressed that Israel should retain normal ties with Austria while having nothing to do with its new president. The Israeli ambassador should remain in Vienna, he said, but should refuse all invitations from Waldheim.

With only a handful of governmentally conservative press said the

In wake of Waldheim's win Another two ministers quit Vienna cabinet

VIENNA. — The election of Kurt Waldheim as Austrian president provoked further problems for the ruling Socialist Party yesterday as two government ministers announced their resignation.

Foreign Minister Leopold Gratz and Agriculture Minister Guenter Haiden said they would not be joining the government to be formed by Franz Vranitzky next week when he takes over from Chancellor Fred Sinowatz, who resigned on Monday.

The Socialist Party was thrown into confusion by Waldheim's big win on Sunday against its candidate, Kurt Steyrer, which political sources said was a turning point in Austrian politics after 16 years of Socialist rule.

Gratz said his view of Waldheim as a candidate had been no secret: "I therefore feel on purely personal grounds I would be overtaxed in the future to carry out certain aspects of the foreign minister's functions."

Haiden, under criticism for months from farmers for a tough new wine law imposed after a major wine scandal in 1985, said last night that he would also be stepping down.

"In 1988 we have market regulation negotiations which have to be prepared in advance, and this would be the right time to go. I am not a deserter, but I am not the type to stay glued to my chair either. I think this is a nice conclusion."

Party officials said still more changes were expected before the new government was presented next Monday.

Vranitzky, the Socialist finance minister, was named to succeed Sinowatz as chancellor as the Socialists shuffled posts to prepare for parliamentary elections next April.

Although the Austrian president has little real political power, the election demonstrated sharply how Socialist support has waned because of political scandals, waste and unpopular economic policy.

Commentators in the predominantly conservative press said the

changes were too little and too late for the Socialists. Parliamentarians from the Conservative People's Party repeated a call yesterday for early elections.

"The resignation of Chancellor Dr. Sinowatz is the public admission that the experiment of the Socialist coalition has failed," a People's Party statement said.

Socialist sources said science minister and Socialist Party deputy chairman Heinz Fischer was most likely to succeed Gratz. But the

Knesset panel considers increased supervision of GSS

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Post Political Reporter
A senior Knesset sub-committee has discussed increasing parliamentary supervision of the intelligence services in the wake of the General Security Service controversy. The *Jerusalem Post* has learned.

According to a Likud member of the sub-committee, which falls under the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, the controversy could have been avoided had the sub-committee adequately fulfilled its responsibility of supervising the intelligence community.

Opinion is divided over whether the sub-committee filed to fulfil its supervisory role, or whether it does not have the power to play such a role.

Committee chairman MK Abba Eban yesterday dismissed the criticism as "ludicrous." No parliamentary committee could run the intelligence services, which are answerable to the prime minister, the de-

fence minister and the foreign minister, he said.

Nevertheless, *The Post* has learned that the sub-committee has discussed ways of improving parliamentary supervision of the services by altering the three-sided relationship between services, the responsible ministers and the sub-committee.

The sub-committee has seven members, three each from the Alignment and the Likud and one from the National Religious Party. It hears monthly reports from the three ministers responsible and from the service heads on operational matters, but not on internal issues.

"The first we heard of the resignation in the GSS was from the papers," one committee member said. "We are now considering whether the reports of the service heads should include internal matters."

Another committee member lambasted the sub-committee's failure



Natoret Karta leader Rabbi Uri Blau on the shoulders of a supporter outside the Russian compound lockdown in Jerusalem, after he and nine others were released on bail yesterday. (Rahamim Israel)

U.S. still divided over extent of Israeli spying

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration was yesterday clearly divided over the extent of Israeli spying in the U.S.

The State Department said that it stood by its carefully-drafted statement of Monday that there was "no evidence of any espionage ring involving Israeli officials" other than those already named in the Jonathan Jay Pollard spy scandal. The White House on Monday issued a similar statement.

But officials at the Justice Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia

made clearly conflicting statements.

Privately, they again spoke of their suspicions that Israel had misled the U.S. about the scope of its espionage activities.

Administration officials, while confirming the different U.S. assessments, said that White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan had chaired a meeting on Monday at which the State Department was authorized to release its statement effectively siding with Israel.

Senate Intelligence Committee chairman David Durenberger said yesterday that U.S. investigators still suspect that Israeli spy activities may go beyond the Pollard case.

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Five 'haredim' jailed, Rabbi Blau gets bail Kollek urges gov't to act against bus-shelter vandals

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies
Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday termed the wave of bus shelter attacks by the ultra-Orthodox a "civil rebellion" and called on the government to take appropriate action.

Speaking on television, Kollek said it was not necessary to bring in the army but that the government must give the police sufficient backing. "The rebellion can be put down as it would be in any modern state," he declared.

The mayor's remarks came after six bus stations in the area of Jerusalem Central Bus Station on Jaffa Road, were torched early yesterday morning. Police said the attack by unknown perpetrators came around 3:30 a.m.

Referring to the incident, Kollek warned that the *haredim* were endangering hatred among the secular population. "their acts of sabotage can only lead to retaliation," he said.

Petah Tikva Mayor Dov Tavori, whose town has experienced weeks

of illegal demonstrations by ultra-Orthodox protesters against Friday night films at the Heichal Cinema, said the police are handling the *haredim* with kid-gloves. But he apparently laid blame for the problem on Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz.

"The police could handle this if they were allowed to work," Tavori said.

In separate cases, five *haredim* were imprisoned by a Jerusalem court on charges of vandalizing bus shelters, while 10 others, including Natoret Karta leader Rabbi Uri Blau, were released on bail.

"I cannot grasp why the accused were released today," Kollek said, referring to the 10. "In my opinion, these people should be arrested and kept far away from Jerusalem, where their families cannot make

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Geldof knighted

LONDON (Reuters). — Rock singer Bob Geldof, who has helped raise more than \$100 million for starving Africans, was yesterday awarded an honorary knighthood in recognition of his efforts for famine relief.

The appointment as Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) was an honorary one because Geldof is an Irishman and not a British citizen, a foreign office spokesman said.

It meant Geldof could not call himself Sir Bob, but was entitled to add KBE after his name, he said.

Two terror squads arrested in recent days

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Two terrorist squads responsible for 29 attacks in northern Israel and at the entrances to several West Bank settlements have been arrested in the past few days, it was reported by security authorities last night.

The announcement was released by the IDF spokesman. At least one squad was affiliated with the Fatah organization and was based in a village in the Jenin area.

Israeli convicted in U.S. doing time here

By YORAM GAZIT
For The Jerusalem Post
TEL AVIV. — An unprecedented legal case in which an Israeli citizen was sentenced in *absentia* to 15 years' imprisonment by a U.S. federal court, on charges of drug dealing and possession of weapons, is serving his term in Israel.

Giora Abbar, 38, a father of four was arrested in 1980 by New York police after selling 30 grams of heroin to an undercover agent. Police also found a handgun in his New York apartment.

Found guilty in the New York Federal Court, Abbar was released on \$50,000 bail, pending the sentencing.

Taking advantage of his temporary freedom, Abbar escaped to Israel.

In 1983 he was arrested in Israel on suspicion of drug dealing and sentenced to three years in prison.

The day before his release, he was informed by the Prison Service that he would have to serve another 15 years because of the New York verdict.

The law permits the justice minister to order the arrest of an Israeli citizen sentenced in a foreign country, on a special request from that country.

However, according to Abbar's attorneys David Yiftah and Ram Caspi, his imprisonment was illegal because he was sentenced in *absentia*.

Lethal Altobelli hits a hat-trick

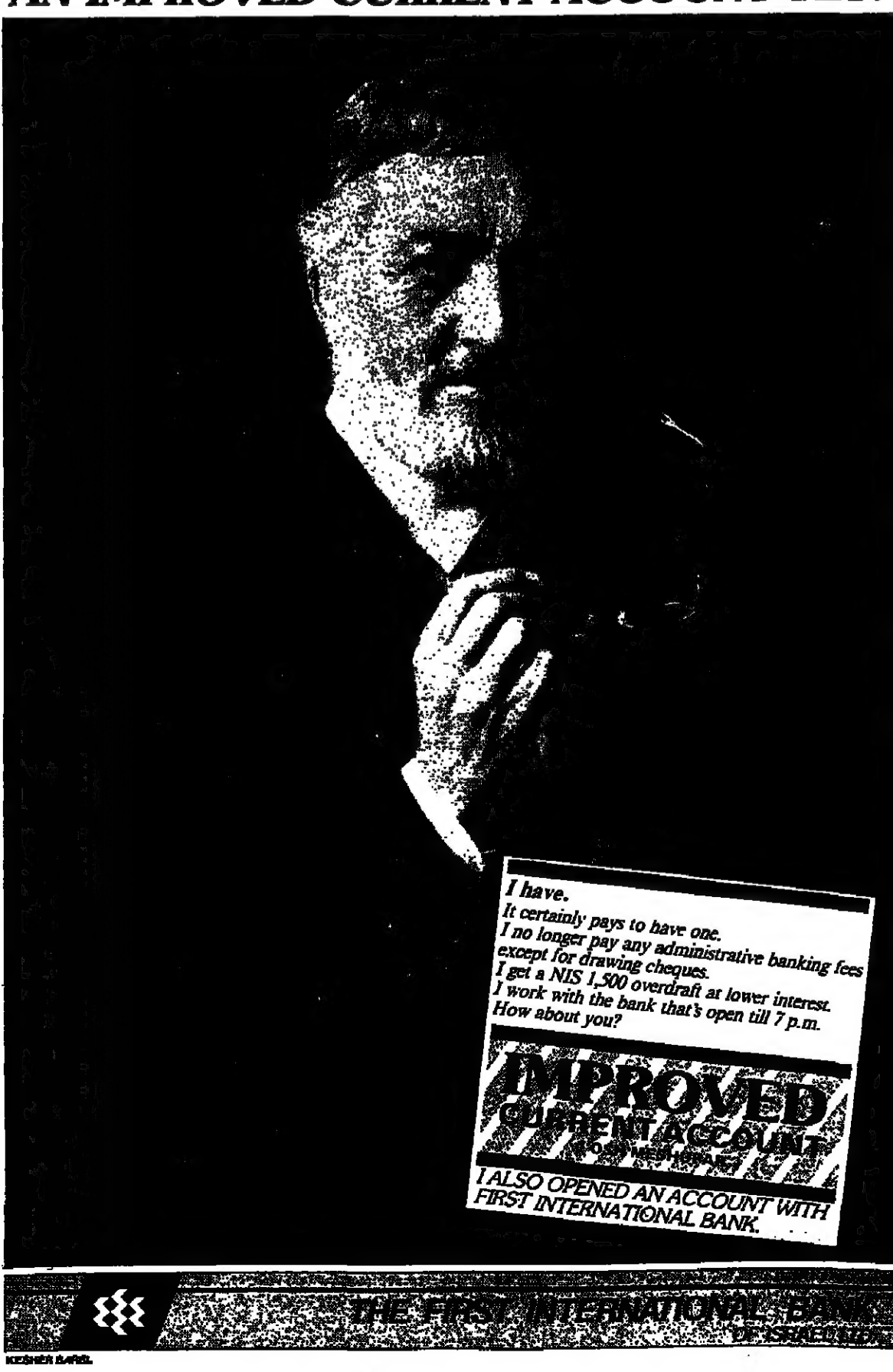
MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — Holders Italy and 1978 champions Argentina qualified for the second round of the World Cup last night as gassy South Korea packed their bags for the long journey home.

Italy sentenced the South Koreans to bottom place, in Group A with an entertaining 3-2 victory in Puebla where lethal striker Alessandro Altobelli hit a hat-trick.

It was the World Cup holders first win of the competition and, by finishing second in the section behind Argentina, they gained the dubious reward of a meeting with France next week.

Argentina finished with five points from their three group games by beating Bulgaria 2-0 and the Bulgarians must now sweat it out to see if they qualify as one of the best third-placed finishers. (see more World Cup p. 3)

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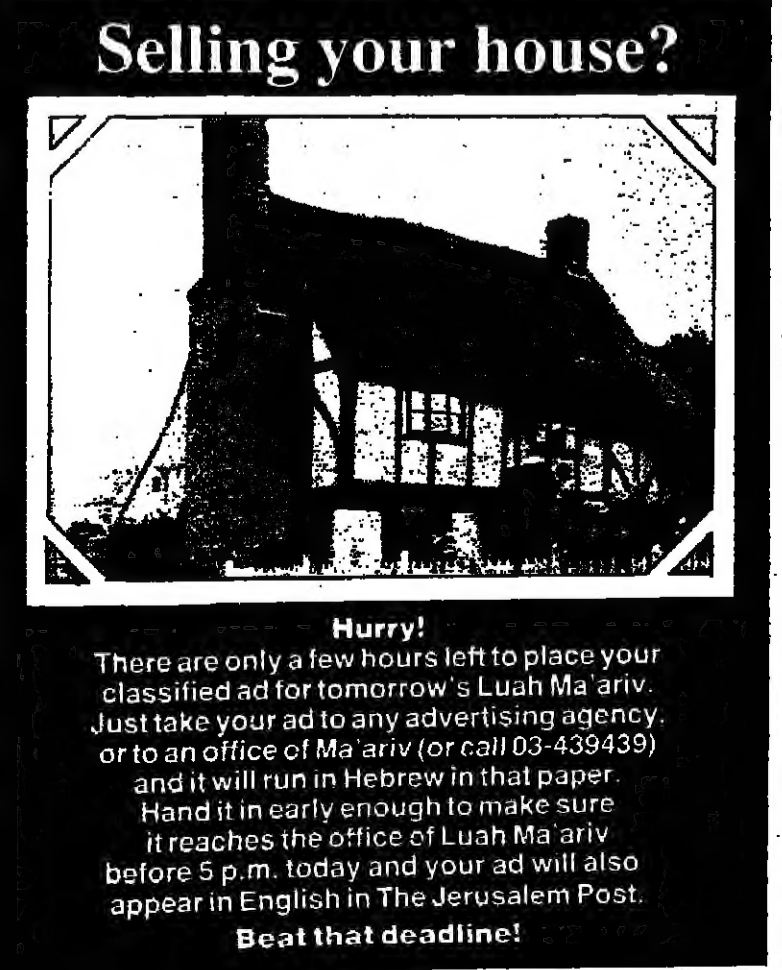


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TORONTO	16	11	22
VIENNA	16	11	22
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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	20	17-31	32
Golan	17	17-31	32
Nahariya	25	19-32	37
Haifa Port	25	19-32	37
Tiberias	18	20-37	35
Nazareth	17	20-32	30
Afula	27	17-34	32
Shomron	22	21-32	30
Tel Aviv	27	20-34	31
B-G Airport	34	19-33	31
Jericho	16	22-40	38
Gaza	17	22-32	30
Beersheba	15	22-37	35
Eilat	11	26-42	40

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, Meir Cohen Avidon today received at the Knesset three Bolivian members of parliament, Ciro Humboldt Barreto, Guillermo Fortun Suarez and Guillermo Copobiano Ribera.

Sam Orbaum will speak about "Jerusalem's Scramble Craze" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

Haifa Chief Rabbi, Shear-Yashuv Cohen, will be the guest speaker at the Haifa Rotary Club's weekly meeting in the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

Hospitals get ready for nurses walk-out

By MENACHEM SHALEV
For The Jerusalem Post

Hospitals are preparing contingency plans in case of a total walkout by nurses, following threats by the renegade Hospital Nurses' Division to adopt "very drastic measures, including abandonment of hospitals" at an emergency convention of nurses' unions at Haifa's Rambam Hospital today.

Dr. Michael Stark of Jerusalem's Misgav Ladach said that, in the event of a walkout, he expects all emergency facilities to operate as usual, although all clinics will have to be shut down.

The Hospital Nurses' Division potentially represents 8,000 nurses. Many hospital nurses' unions have joined the renegade nurses' division in the past week, including nurses at Hadassah Ein Kerem on Sunday.

The hospital nurses are demanding an improvement of their working conditions and the right to organize in their own union.

They cite low wages, staff cuts, dismal working conditions and a massive exit from the nursing profession as their main complaints.

A nurse from Shaare Zedek hospital who called The Jerusalem Post yesterday said: "We are all depressed and don't care any more. We have been ready to strike for four-and-a-half months. If they issue back-to-work orders, we won't obey."

Egyptian air crash
CAIRO (Reuters). — An Egyptian airliner on an internal flight crashed near Cairo airport tonight and police said most of the 21 passengers were feared killed.

'Iraqi, Syrian FM's plan Friday border meet'
Post Mideast Staff
The Iraqi and the Syrian foreign ministers will meet on Friday on the border between the two countries. Radio Monte Carlo reported yesterday.

The radio said the date of the meeting was revealed by a member of the Jordanian delegation accompanying King Hussein on his current visit to Washington. The source, who requested anonymity, said the meeting was expected to pave the way for a summit between Syrian President Hafez Assad and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The summit would take place in a third country, the source added.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

I've not been pressured, says new A-G

Harish ponders GSS affair

Yosef Harish, the new attorney-general, sits calmly in the eye of the storm and weighs the options in the General Security Service affair. No one, "neither the government, nor the cabinet, nor the prime minister, nor the foreign minister, nor any other minister" has pressed him or attempted to influence his decision in the matter.

"I have been left in complete quiet to think and consider and reach a decision," he says.

Harish stresses that, in his meetings with Premier Peres and Vice Premier Shamir over the past fortnight, neither man even broached the GSS affair. "It simply did not come up," he says. "No one has even hinted" how he should act.

Like his predecessor Yitzhak Zamir, Harish says he is an absolutist when it comes to the rule of law. "The law must apply to all, and to every agency of government," he says, implying that the GSS must be no exception. He reiterates that, by the end of next week, he will have arrived at a decision on "the proper way to end — no, to handle — the affair." He is careful not to give any indication of what his decision will be, but there is the impression that he will propose the appointment of a secret judicial commission of inquiry rather than allow a police investigation.

He believes, "in retrospect, that Israel emerges from this affair with the rule of law stronger, not weaker." He seems to be saying that the public debate on the affair and the

IN PERSON

By BENNY MORRIS



Yosef Harish (Harari)

strong support that surfaced in key parts of society for Zamir in his effort to apply the rule of law to the GSS have already strengthened the hand of those who would see the rule of law prevail.

Harish adds that "there is no intention to diminish the power of the law and the powers of the attorney-general... the powers of the attorney-general should be left intact... On the contrary, there should be a constant interest on the part of the government executive to give the attorney-

general more powers [with which] to apply the rule of law."

Harish has spent the past few days studying "every bit of paper" on the GSS affair. He declines — with a big smile — to comment on the existence or content of tape-recorded interviews between Zamir and the dissident GSS chiefs, which are reportedly the mainstay of the allegations against GSS chief Avraham Shalom and his top aides in connection with the killing of two captured Arab terrorists in April 1984, and the subsequent cover-up of the killings. Harish says he does not intend to meet — as Zamir did — the various GSS and ex-GSS protagonists in the affair. "There is sufficient material to form a basis for my decision [on the course of investigation]," he says.

Agudat Yisrael MK Rabbi Menahem Porush is waiting in the antechamber as I leave. Harish presses on with a final remark. He has already talked with Porush on the telephone about the ultra-Orthodox hooliganism and bus-shelter burnings.

"Let them make no mistake, the law will be administered with full severity," says Harish. "My religious upbringing will not be a weakening [factor] in this respect. On the contrary, I regard these acts as blasphemous, as an offence against the Jewish people, as improper. I have already told Porush this. Mob violence will not go unpunished." There is more than a hint of steel — and a clear message — in Harish's parting words.

Rabin: Lavi project will go on

Jerusalem Post Staff
Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday rejected A.G. calls for Israel to scrap the Lavi jet fighter project.

"There are organizations in the U.S. that question [the project] but they are mainly trying to persuade us that we should stop it," he said. "Our decision is that it will go on. If the Americans come up with alternative proposals, we will hear them out," Rabin said.

Former defence minister Moshe Arens said that, although some American manufacturers may be against the Lavi, those who are participating in it, for example the Grumman Corporation, are very much in favour of it.

"I think that it's well established and probably generally agreed that Israel has a very high level of engineering and scientific competence

in the area of fighter aircraft development. We're very happy to listen to any advice for or against, but the decision is ours, the responsibility is ours and the decision has been taken."

Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy said that the production of the plane in Israel could provide the IDF with the better answer, from a professional standpoint. "It is like having a suit tailor-made or picking one out at a store."

The Knesset must begin to pull its weight in the debate over the future of the Lavi, according to MK Ran Cohen (Citizens Right Movement), who last week returned from the U.S.

Cohen yesterday demanded that the Knesset Control Committee review the conflicting American and Israeli cost estimates for production of the fighter.

Alignment back Amorai to head Bank of Israel

ASHER WALLFISH
The Alignment Knesset faction demanded unanimously yesterday that Deputy Finance Minister Adi Amorai be appointed governor of the Bank of Israel.

The Alignment rejected what it called "the Likud's political disqualification" and resolved to send a delegation to see Prime Minister Peres and demand that all the Alignment cabinet ministers back Amorai's candidacy.

Deputy Agriculture Minister Avraham Katz-Oz said the faction should approach the favourite candidate, Prof. Michael Bruno, and ask him to step down in favour of Amorai. (According to some reports, Katz-Oz would like to be made deputy finance minister if Amorai is promoted to the bank.)

Amorai said: "I never asked for positions, but in this case I acted out of character and offered my candidacy as bank governor. It's a job for which I'm suitable. I have prepared myself for it over a long period."

Labour Party secretary-general Uzi Baram said: "We attacked Amorai in the Alignment for being too scrupulously loyal to the former finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i. Now the Likud attacks Amorai for being politically partisan and hence unfit to serve at the bank."

No ministers were present at the Alignment caucus, which detracted somewhat from the impact of its support for Amorai.

Some reports say that Premier Peres prefers Bruno at the bank, because this would spare him the need to compensate the Likud, which he would have to do if Amorai is appointed governor.

Court hears:

'Ya'ari told garage to change the tyres on murder car'

By YORAM GAZIT
For The Jerusalem Post
TEL AVIV. — A woman speaking English asked a mechanic in Jerusalem's Wadi Joz commercial district to change the four tyres on her Subaru car, according to a witness at the Mala Malavski murder trial at the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday. The witness, Mahar Harush, a mechanic employed in Wadi Joz, identified Hava Ya'ari as the woman.

Harush, who spoke in Arabic, told the court that Ya'ari returned two days later and asked for the tyres.

The prosecution said that the tyres Ya'ari changed belonged to the car she was driving on the night of March 10, 1985, when Malavski, a visitor from the U.S. was allegedly murdered.

Ya'ari and Aviva Granot are accused of placing Malavski in a sitting position in front of the Subaru and running into her from behind with the car, which dragged her, face down, for several metres and scalped her.

However, Ya'ari's attorney, Dror Mekrin, in a grilling cross-examination of Coroner Yehuda Hiss, a prosecution witness, succeeded in casting doubt on Hiss's testimony by showing the court that

Malavski's death could have been the result of an accident. Mekrin presented two ways that the marks found by police pathologists on the body could have been caused.

The first version was that Malavski jumped from the car and banged her head on a rock, as Ya'ari claimed in her police reconstruction of the crime.

The other version was that Malavski jumped from the car, fell with her face down on the ground, and was dragged for a few metres.

Mekrin's explanation for the bloodstains found by the police on the passenger's seat was that the defendants first put Malavski, who was bleeding from her head, in the car, and only left her on the roadside when they realized she was dead. According to this version, Malavski was allegedly hit by another car.

Hiss agreed with Mekrin that Malavski's death was not caused by her being hit with a rolling pin and that she was not hit twice by the car, as Granot told Hadad in her reconstruction.

In another testimony, a police graphologist, Orit Yanai, told the court that she thought it was "highly possible" that Ya'ari forged Malavski's signature on several cheques.

Arabs claim IDF uprooted olive trees

By DAVID RUDGE
SAKHNIN. — Arab farmers have accused the IDF of uprooting dozens of olive trees and destroying a vegetable plot cultivated by a local priest in the disputed military training zone known as Area Nine.

The incident occurred on Monday

afternoon when, according to the farmers, armoured vehicles entered the olive grove and uprooted the trees.

According to government sources, however, the land in question is definitely within the boundaries of the military training area.

Hawatmeh man killed in Athens shooting

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies
The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine of Nayef Hawatmeh said in a statement issued in Damascus yesterday that one of its military officers, Col. Khaled Ahmed Nazal, was assassinated in Athens on Monday night. Radio Monte Carlo reported yesterday.

In Athens, Public Order Minister Antonis Drossoyannis told reporters the 38-year-old Arab official carried a false Algerian passport and had arrived from Damascus last Saturday.

An autopsy showed that Nazal was shot three times in the head and once in the thigh by a gunman armed with a 9-millimetre pistol as he was entering Hotel Zafolia for a meeting with a Palestinian student who lives in Athens. The killer escaped on a motorbike driven by an accomplice.

Boy, 3, burned to death

Jerusalem Post Reporter
SAFAD. — A three-year-old boy was burned to death yesterday in Moshav Dalton in Upper Galilee. Nissim Mevorach, 38, who transports the moshav's eggs to Tnuva, had just left his truck when it burst into flames. His three-year-old son David was in the cabin. By the time the fire was extinguished, the child was dead.



Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek cools off with an ice cream while leading a motorcade down Jaffa Road yesterday in pre-Shavuot celebrations. Hundred of schoolchildren from around the country descended on the capital to join in the festivities. (Adam Teitelbaum)

Levy gets heated on Wald report...

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday encountered a totally unfamiliar chief of staff who angrily charged that the public discussion of the IDF handling of the Wald report on long-term planning had been conducted "with an attitude of hysteria and ignorance."

Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy declared heatedly: "Some people talked as though I was some sort of simpleton who ordered a research study and then threw it in the trashcan the moment I got it."

(After giving his regular briefing on current security affairs to the Committee, the chief of staff was asked for his reaction to the public controversy surrounding the report prepared by Dr. Emanuel Wald, which the GHQ did not take up as such. Levy, who had been advised in advance that the question would come up, brought along Aluf Menahem Einar, now head of Quartermaster Branch, but formerly head of Planning Branch at GHQ.)

Levy said the GHQ was taking the Wald report very seriously and was drawing on various findings in the report, in the preparation of its next five-year plan.

He admitted that Wald had demonstrated great familiarity with the material and had a clear and positive point of view which was nevertheless irritating at times.

"The question is not whether the GHQ discussed the Wald report but whether the material therein is being given proper application or not," the chief of staff told the Committee.

He said that the GHQ is not the proper forum to discuss research material which has not yet been placed on a firm foundation.

"I never called the Wald report nonsense," he said angrily. "That is untrue." But the GHQ is not an arena for flinging slogans around. And I do not know why some people accused me of trying to cover up shortcomings."

The chief of staff said: "If I ever thought that somebody had advanced a brilliant solution to one of our security challenges, and I turned it down, I would be the first to come

forward and tender my resignation." He said: "The IDF will make proper use of the Wald report and I am optimistic that improvements will result."

"Some parts of the reports were unacceptable. I did not permit a discussion on it in the GHQ because Wald tried to dictate the form and procedures for the discussion. As long as I'm chief of staff nobody will dictate to me how to run the GHQ," he said.

Levy said he handed the Wald report to Aluf Amnon Shahak (now IDF Intelligence chief) for analysis and not to Aluf Einar, to avoid the possible complaint that Einar was subjective about Wald and his work.

Einar said he had not dismissed the Wald report, nor had he hampered Wald in his work. "It was months after I left the Planning Branch that I first heard Wald was writing a report."

Einar said that Wald drew on existing IDF research into the Lebanon War, but "surprisingly he did not converse with the field commanders who served in Lebanon."

...Wald repeats 'doomsday' prognosis

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Israel's national defence has been eroding at an accelerated pace and Israel today is living on borrowed time. This doomsday prognosis was the central theme of a lecture by Aluf-Mishne (Res.) Dr. Emanuel Wald at the Hebrew University yesterday.

Wald caused a public storm recently when he released details of a study on the Israel Defence Forces' long-range capabilities, which he claims was ignored by his superiors.

The erosion of Israel's military prowess, he told the invited audience at the Centre for Military Studies at the Davis Institute, can be illustrated as follows: In 1967, Israel, with 6 per cent of its GNP devoted to defence, defeated three Arab armies on three fronts in six days; in 1973, with 12 per cent of the GNP going to defence, Israel barely managed to contain two Arab armies on two fronts; in 1982, with defence consuming 18 per cent of the GNP, the IDF basically failed in its land war

against half the Syrian Army along half a front.

Wald's audience, which included strategists, historians and men and women in uniform, visibly cringed as Wald lashed into the defence establishment at all its levels. The IDF, he charged, had become a bureaucratic labyrinth of mediocre personnel interested only in self-advancement.

Israel's enemies, he continued, would "be happy" with the erosion of Israel's ability to defend itself. There is no long-range planning, he charged, no accountability, no internal reform; the centralization of power in the hands of the chief of general staff makes for inefficiency and precludes objective assessment.

The lightning war of 1967 was followed by the "bureaucratic war" of 1982. Massive use of artillery and fire-power replaced tactical wisdom and ingenuity. The Lebanon war

illustrated, he said, poor logistic capability and poor operational judgment. These facts were true regardless of the circumstances prevailing at the time, or the factors that made the war in Lebanon different from Israel's other wars.

Wald provided little evidence to substantiate his blanket accusations, citing national security as the reason. But he insisted, without providing details, that it was clear that the IDF was suffering from a "deformative structure" that required urgent change.

"The situation in the army is one where any officer is virtually guaranteed promotion if he behaves himself, if he is a yes-man," Wald said. This means, he explained, that senior echelons of the army operate on the presumption of *rosh kavon* (a low profile), which explains their astounding mediocrity.

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Warsaw Pact starts two-day summit

Soviets discuss Chernobyl compensation for allies

BUDAPEST (Reuters). — The Soviet Union is discussing compensation with its allies for losses caused by the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl in April, a senior Soviet official said yesterday.

Valery Legasov of the Kurchatov Nuclear Research Institute told a news conference that the full effects of the accident had not yet been established, but once they were compensation would be agreed upon.

"I am not an economist, but I know that when the damage can be seen, measures can be taken. We are now holding discussions in a very concrete way," he said.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in Budapest for the two-day Warsaw Pact summit which opened yesterday, on Monday proposed an international "legal order" to regulate compensation after any future nuclear accident.

Legasov said the extent of Soviet financial responsibility was hard to calculate as some economic losses had been caused by groundless reports in the West and by decisions taken for political rather than safety reasons.

He was apparently referring to a

European Community ban on food imports from Eastern Europe last month in the wake of the accident. The Soviet Union has described the ban as unjustifiable.

A Hungarian official has said Hungary, a major agricultural exporter, could lose \$150 million as a result of the ban.

Legasov said experts were estimating the extent of losses suffered by Italian peasants. He also said he doubted a report that agriculture from as far away as Sweden would suffer long-term damage in some areas.

He added that an application for compensation from West Germany was plagued by the difficulty of determining how far radiation levels there were due to Chernobyl and how far to a recent domestic nuclear leak.

To criticism of Soviet slowness in announcing the Chernobyl accident on April 26, Legasov said the information system had to be improved, but it would be difficult to say how bad the damage might have been if citizens living near Chernobyl had been told of the disaster

immediately and gone rushing out of their homes in a panic.

Meanwhile, the Warsaw Pact military alliance expected at its summit to endorse and amplify a Soviet plan for large-scale conventional force cuts throughout Europe.

The main outcome will be a proposal, to be put to Nato, for major cuts in the land and air forces and weapons of the two military blocs facing each other in Europe. The proposal by Gorbachev was announced at the East German Communist Party congress two months ago, but in such general terms that Nato countries said it was difficult to respond without further details.

Gorbachev said in East Berlin the reductions should apply "from the Atlantic to the Urals," whereas continuing talks in Vienna on conventional troop cuts deal only with seven countries along the East-West divide in Europe.

The Soviet leader also said conventional arms and tactical nuclear weapons should be reduced, although Western countries say this issue is too complex for an agreement.

2 Soviet diplomats executed for aiding Afghan rebels

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI
BONN. — Two Soviet diplomats in Afghanistan have been executed for aiding the anti-Soviet Mujaheddin resistance movement, according to reports reaching here from the Soviet Union.

The two diplomats had received gold from third countries and transferred it to the resistance fighters. The two had Moslem-sounding names: Saidov, the Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Kabul, and Radjanov, a former justice minister of the Soviet Tajik Republic.

They were caught when a transport of 23 kilos of gold from Saudi Arabia, worth a million rubles, which they were to receive, was intercepted at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport.

There was no explanation why the gold was routed through Moscow.

Two old women found hiding after Chernobyl

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Two old women have been found hiding in their homes in Pripyat, the town closest to the Chernobyl power station, a month after the nuclear accident there, a Soviet newspaper reported yesterday.

Soviet *Shkrya Rossiya* said Anastasia Semenyakina, 85, and Maria Karpynok, 74, avoided evacuation until they came out into the open on May 28 and 29. They were taken to hospital, the newspaper said without giving further details.

Mascots to Seoul

SEOUL (Reuters). — Two Siberian tigers arrived from the U.S. to serve as mascots for the 1988 Seoul Olympics, officials said. The tigers were donated to the Seoul city government by the Minnesota zoo.

'Sun' newsmen vote against working at high-tech plant

LONDON. — Publisher Rupert Murdoch yesterday faced fresh problems in his bid to smash restrictive practices and overhauling in the British newspaper industry after a rebellion by journalists on his best-selling tabloid, *The Sun*.

Sun journalists on Monday night voted by 94-80 to stop working at Murdoch's controversial high-tech newspaper plant in Wapping, East London, where a few hundred men do the work which once employed thousands.

Industry sources regarded the vote as a boost for the 5,600 printers sacked when Murdoch moved production of his four national titles, *The Times*, *Sun*, *News of the World* and *Sunday Times*, to the new plant. *The Sun*, a brass tabloid, feeds its readers a diet of news and scandal and is Britain's biggest-selling newspaper.

The sources said the result of the ballot, which was arranged after journalists complained about working conditions at the plant, was

bound to create further problems for Murdoch.

Pickets from the three main print unions have been ringing the Wapping plant since Murdoch's *News International* company moved there in a secret operation in January. Hundreds of police and printers have been injured in frequent clashes outside the plant since then.

The *Sun* journalists were the first to vote in favour of the move and Monday night's decision came as a surprise.

Malcolm Withers, head of the National Union of Journalists at the paper, said journalists would meet today to discuss the ballot results.

The vote follows last Friday's resounding rejection by the fired production workers of a £50 million "final offer" from Murdoch that includes his old printing plant.

Murdoch later yesterday arrived by car at the heavily guarded Wapping plant and was jeered by a group of about 200 picketing print workers. (Reuters, AP)

Ulsterman convicted of Thatcher bombing

LONDON (AFP). — Patrick Magee of Belfast was convicted here yesterday of the Irish Republican Army bombing in October 1984 of the Grand Hotel, Brighton, in which five persons were killed and 30 wounded.

The bomb was aimed at Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and other government leaders in Brighton for the party's annual conference. Mrs. Thatcher escaped unhurt, but the present Conservative Party chairman, Norman Tebbit, was injured, as was his wife.

The jury will meet again today to decide on the sentence and give its verdict on another charge. Magee and four other persons are accused of preparing a wave of terror attacks planned for last summer.

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France go through

MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — After a nervous start to their World Cup challenge, France are beginning to live up to the responsibility of being European champions.

A comfortable 3-0 win over Hungary in Leon yesterday preserved their unbeaten record in Group C and earned them a place in the knock-out phase of the finals along with the Soviet Union, first group winners of the 1986 tournament.

But while the French are beginning to reach for top gear, some are being exposed in their camp over the form of Michel Platini, who has made the European footballer-of-the-year award his own personal property for the past three seasons.

After yesterday's win over Hungary with goals by Stopyra, Tigana and substitute Rocheteau, French coach Henri Michel said that though Platini was improving from match to match, "it was not enough, considering his talent."

The Soviet Union's reward for topping Group C is a second round match against one of the four third-place qualifiers.

The Russians gambled successfully on a team comprised almost entirely of reserves to beat Canada 2-0 in Toronto.

Gower sacked

LONDON (AP). — David Gower was sacked as England captain after Tuesday's five wicket defeat against India in the first cricket test at Lord's yesterday.

His vice-captain, Mike Gatting, was appointed for the final two tests against India.

Gower, who was put on trial by the English selectors at the beginning of the season, received the news of his dismissal minutes after the Lord's match. He had just suffered his 14th defeat since taking over the captaincy in 1982.

India steadily outplayed England from the second day onwards and it was their captain Kapil Dev who clinched victory with a spectacular pull for 45 minutes before tea.

It was only India's second win in 33 tests in England, the first was at the Oval in 1971. It was also their first victory under the captaincy of Kapil Dev who has previously led India 20 times without success.

Final scores: England 294 and 289; India 341 and 135-5.

Angels' Sutton

Don Sutton pitched a two-hitter to record his 20th victory in leading the California Angels to a 3-0 triumph over the San Francisco Giants in a game that was a minor league baseball action.

In other American League games, Toronto beat Boston 5-1, New York downed Detroit 9-7, St. Louis defeated the Cardinals 4-1, Cleveland defeated Oakland 6-5, Seattle downed Kansas City 5-3 and Minnesota beat Texas 3-2 in 10 innings.

In the National League, Philadelphia stopped New York 3-2 in 10 innings, Pittsburgh edged Chicago 6-5 in 11 innings, Montreal rallied past St. Louis 5-4, Los Angeles beat Cincinnati 6-5 and Houston downed San Diego 5-3.



British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher officially welcomes Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Hu Yaobang in the courtyard of the Foreign Office on Monday. (Reuters telephoto)

Black gangs fight in Crossroads

Security bills stalled in S. African parliament

JOHANNESBURG. — Parliament yesterday stalled sweeping security powers sought by the government, raising the prospect of new state of emergency, mixed-race legislators reported.

The new setback for the white-led government came as landmine blasts, blamed on the outlawed African National Congress, wounded three people. Police turned out to break up or surround political protests in the centres of Cape Town and Johannesburg.

In the Crossroads squatter settlement near Cape Town fierce fighting erupted, bringing to at least 14 the toll in two days of clashes between rival black groups. Witnesses also reported outbreaks of faction fighting in Johannesburg's Alexandra township.

In Cape Town, legislators in the tricameral parliament's separate chambers for people of mixed race, known as coloureds, and Indians refused to drop amendments to water down the security bills, they said.

Government officials said the amendments would enfeeble the proposed new laws which the government had tried to get passed by the 10th anniversary of rioting in Soweto.

Coloured legislator Don Matema said at the weekend the govern-

ment has threatened to reimpose a state of emergency — which was lifted on March 7 — or even declare martial law unless the security laws were passed by the anniversary, when widespread black protests are expected.

The bills empower senior officers to detain people for 180 days without trial, compared with a current 14, and give Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange huge powers in any district declared an "unrest area."

Critics said the bills were a government attempt to reimpose an emergency under another guise.

At Crossroads yesterday, hundreds more shanties went up in flames and seven were killed in battles between rival squatter gangs.

Black gangs helped by white police and troops captured parts of the sprawling shanty town.

Eyewitnesses said rival factions using guns, axes, clubs and iron bars fought in the squatter camp for the second successive day in pouring rain before conservative vigilantes gained control and set the camp ablaze.

Although the police have denied taking sides in the gang warfare, eyewitnesses said they helped the conservative Witdoeke (white cloth) by firing volleys of tear gas at the radicals in the camp. (AP, Reuters)

Peking party boss frowns on chopsticks
Diminutive Hu tipped to take over after Deng Xiaoping goes

By JONATHAN MIRSKY

LONDON. — Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Hu Yaobang, now in England as part of his two-week visit to Western Europe, had dinner last night with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at No. 10 Downing Street, and is scheduled to be a dinner guest at Buckingham Palace tonight.

But he was seen to be at ease in a lounge suit and had no difficulty with Western cutlery.

He is one of the first Chinese leaders to make it clear that wearing Western clothes was not a sign of "spiritual pollution," and has even advised his countrymen that chopsticks are backward and unsanitary.

At 71, Hu is a member of the Politburo's five-man Standing Committee, which place him, together with Deng Xiaoping, President Li Xianmin, Premier Zhao Ziyang, and Chen Yun, leading economist — and Deng critic — at the apex of political prestige.

And if the 62-year-old Deng Xiaoping should die tomorrow, or "go to see Marx" as they put it in Peking, many Chinese believe Hu would step into his shoes, which would fit exactly because Hu, too, is less than five feet tall.

But a big question hovers over this tiny man: does he have the gravitas to be the supreme leader the Chinese traditionally look to for the final word?

Western heads of state who visit China know that today Deng Xiaoping holds that position. His are the reforms and policies which since Mao's death in 1976 have subordinated ideology to production, permitted devolution in economic planning, and given the greatest rewards not to the politically pure but to wealth-producing entrepreneurs.

While the elderly but tough Deng is still alive, those decisions are safe but on the defensive. After Deng, someone will have to defend Dengism. During the last year, inflation, foreign reserve losses, failure to export, and vast official corruption have provided opportunities for Deng's adversaries to attack what they see as a flight from Marx-Leninism into Western-style "spiritual pollution," "bourgeois liberalism," and rampant individualism.

With Deng gone, would Hu Yaobang be charismatic enough to stand off the orthodox planners and political disciplinarians?

What is notable about Hu's career is the absence of what Chinese would consider a proper job. Unlike past giants, and the few who still cling to top positions, Hu has never distinguished himself as a soldier — a particularly sore point with the army — nor dirtied or bloodied his hands in major bureaucratic positions.

Hu ran away from his peasant village in Hunan, Mao's home province, when he was only 14, to become a "little red devil" at the Communist guerrilla stronghold in the southeast. In 1933, when he was 18, he joined the party. Then came the event which provided his single 22-carat revolutionary qualification: the 1934-35 Long March. Hu is one of the 9,000 survivors of the 100,000 who set out on the 7,400-mile ordeal which saved the Communists from destruction by Chiang Kai-shek.

After the march, with the Reds safe in the northeast, Hu collected grain and money for the army and, in 1936, met Mao for the first time. In 1941, Hu was assigned to propaganda duties with the 18th Army Corps. Its commissar was Deng Xiaoping.

In 1952, when Deng came to Peking as vice-premier, Hu moved too: he worked under his mentor on the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association, and later helped Mao and Deng write the constitution. By 1956, when Deng ascended to the Standing Committee, as one of China's six most powerful men, Hu was promoted to the Central Committee, at 43 a very young member.

At the beginning of the Cultural Revolution, 1966-76, Deng was "smashed" and, inevitably, Hu went down with him.

In 1977, with Mao dead, the Gang of Four arrested, and Deng once more in command, Hu shot up the hierarchy until, in 1982, he became party General Secretary.

This week, in Downing Street and at the Palace, Hu will charm everyone, as he does in his suite in Peking. There, he serves Westerners truffles, snails, steak, and ice cream with strawberries. White linen and polished silver: no chopsticks.

In China, where swings are abrupt, some day there could be a sudden reaction against such "spiritual pollution." Hu has been brought down twice before. If it happens again, Deng will probably not be around and Hu will have to stand on his own.

(London Observer Service)

Perkis doubtful for Davis Cup

HERZLIYA. — Amit Naor will replace Shahar Perkis in Israel's Davis Cup tennis team for this week's match against Belgium at Ramat Hasharon, unless Perkis returns home today from his medical check-up in Cologne, the host's non-playing captain Yosef Stabholz and coach Shlomo Zoref said here yesterday.

The second-round European Zone "B" tie between the two countries starts tomorrow.

Perkis, suffering from a very minor heart abnormality diagnosed last summer, was already expected back from the extensive tests he is undergoing at Cologne's sports medicine institute. He was front runner to again partner Shlomo Glickstein in doubles, with Glickstein and Amos Mansoor filling the singles berths and Gilad Bloom being kept in reserve.

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'This court has no jurisdiction to try us'

Reversal of roles as bus-shelter sprayers go on trial

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The State of Israel went on trial in a crowded, stifling hall in Jerusalem yesterday, according to an ultra-Orthodox defendant determined to reverse roles in the magistrates' court.

Apparently it was the trial of three fairly scruffy-looking men of varying ages from the ultra-Orthodox Mea She'arim quarter who admitted to spraying black - or perhaps white - paint on an advertising poster showing three men and a woman, all fully dressed, or perhaps not so fully dressed.

The spray job was a relatively minor affair in view of the fact that early yesterday morning unidentified people torched six bus shelters along Jaffa Road, the capital's main thoroughfare.

"They should lock them up and throw away the key," one irate young woman said as she waited for a bus in yesterday's broiling sun and eyed the metal bars on which there used to be plastic seats.

A flurry of newsmen, press photographers and television crews stood waiting at the entrance to the police lock-up in the Russian Compound. They had been promised a full-scale demonstration, but in fact they slightly outnumbered the members of the ultra-Orthodox *Eda Haredit*

who stood by waiting for their friends to be brought to trial.

The *haredim* insisted that it was not their people who had burned down the bus shelters the previous night. After all, only a day before their rabbinical court had specifically forbidden such an act.

"I don't know who did it. If they were religious, they were religious criminals; if they were secular, then they were secular criminals," said Rabbi Moshe Schiff.

Apparently afraid of a riot, the police brought their prisoners in a van, rather than on foot. As the ragtag procession made its way into the courtroom, the accused held up their hands before their faces so as not to violate the law against graven images by having their pictures taken.

But that was not the only religious hurdle the accused had to face. They were hardly in their seats when one of the lawyers, Shuli Dotan, took her place. She was wearing a white sleeveless blouse.

"You can't sit there, dressed like that, right in front of our eyes," declared one of the accused, Dotan, ironically a member of the team of lawyers representing the *Eda Haredit*, shot back at him hotly: "I'm dressed in conformity with the customs and laws of the State of Israel, and I'm dressed in the best of taste. What hutzpa, to tell me to leave."

However, she did subsequently leave on the advice of one of the other lawyers. She told *The Jerusalem Post* that her presence had not been required in the courtroom.

There were four ultra-Orthodox women in the courtroom. They huddled close to the door, reciting psalms much of the time; one of them looked on with pride when a young man, evidently her son, stood to face the judge.

It was difficult to maintain a serious atmosphere. At times the defendants claimed to speak only Yiddish; at other times they not only admitted their crime, but told the court they would repeat it if necessary.

Jerusalem Police Commander Haim Albalade sat by impassively as one of his men seemed to blunder through the police case, describing the vandalism as an attack on Israel's "quality of life," a phrase that the judge took hold of and played with for a minute or two.

What, indeed, is quality of life, when one is speaking of different populations with entirely conflicting outlooks? How does one define a "licentious" poster, especially when the poster is not produced in court as an exhibit?

At one point Yehezkiel Horowitz, an activist in the *haredi* community, received permission to plead for the

defendants. "Just don't give me philosophy," said the judge.

But no sooner had Horowitz begun than he began speaking of licentious pictures, quality of life and even the coming holiday of Shavuot. "You're giving me philosophy," the judge warned. "I want to hear if the defendant has 25 children, if he's dying of cancer, things like that."

In fact, no one ever learned how many children the defendants had, or what diseases. But they did finally hear the heart of the matter from one of the defendants, who uttered it almost as an afterthought.

"This court has no jurisdiction to try us. Only our courts can try us. It's a question of the state or the Torah. Three thousand years ago the Jews got the Torah. The judge's father and the policeman's father and our fathers all got the Torah."

"This isn't a trial about pictures. It's a trial of the whole State of Israel. We must do away with the whole government of Israel."

In answering them, the judge noted that, since they did not recognize the state, they were like guests, who must respect their hosts. "But we were here first, the state is the guest and we are the hosts," retorted one of the defendants.

The police, the journalists and even the judge laughed. But, when all is said and done, it is no laughing matter.



Four handcuffed "haredim" converse in the Jerusalem Magistrates' Court yesterday before being released on bail. (Isaac Harari)

AACI pushing for immigrants' travel tax exemptions

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel will step up its efforts to obtain travel tax exemptions for immigrants travelling to their countries of origin for family reunions.

Addressing a news conference yesterday at Tel Aviv's Beit Sokolow, AACI national executive director Joseph Wernik declared that it was unfair for the government to consider abolishing travel tax for Israelis living abroad who wish to visit relatives in Israel, while ignoring the situation of North Americans and other olim in Israel who want to visit their relatives abroad.

Israelis living in the U.S. earn more money than Americans living in Israel, Wernik noted, and in most cases the yored can more easily afford the travel tax than the olah. Wernik has just returned from a visit to North America where he spoke to rabbis, community leaders and parents of olim, urging them to encourage Jewish tourism to Israel. He added that El Al could contribute to advancing tourism by improving service at their New York office.

AACI spokesman David Gaffen said that most of the cancellations of plans to visit Israel came from American Jews who were afraid of terrorist attacks. In light of this, the National Board of the AACI three weeks ago had passed a resolution calling on North American Jews to recognize that cancelling trips to Israel plays effectively into the ter-

rorists' hands.

The organization has printed 100,000 stickers with the message "Don't let Gaddafi win. Come to Israel now." The stickers will be distributed among AACI's 16,000 members to affix on letters they send to North America.

AACI national president Natalie Gordon has written to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbinical organizations, expressing the AACI's concern "at the alarming decrease in tourism to Israel." The rabbinical organizations have been asked to concentrate during Shavuot on reaffirming their identification with the Israeli people through modern-day pilgrimages to Israel.

AACI representatives met at the beginning of the week with Rafi Farber, director-general of the Tourism Ministry, to discuss cooperative measures for revitalizing the tourist industry.

A seminar is planned for AACI members who will be spending the summer in North America and will be voluntary emissaries for tourism. The seminar begins at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 22 at the Moriah Hotel, Jerusalem.

Explaining AACI's involvement in this project, Wernik said: "It's time for immigrant groups not only to take but to give. We want to make a contribution to Israel's quality of life - and this is an area in which we think we can do something of value."

Conservative group okays women's prayer groups

NEW YORK (JTA). - Women may hold prayer groups and a woman may lead such a group, but it may not be considered a *minyan*, the quorum of 10 adult Jews required to meet the prayer obligations of men, according to a Jewish legal opinion issued by the Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism (UTCJ), a dissident group within Conservative Judaism.

The responsum, issued by the UTCJ Panel of Halachic Inquiry, followed a responsum by a group of leading Orthodox rabbis, holding that women's prayer groups are not permissible. The position of the Conservative movement, set down in a ruling of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly, is that women may be counted as members of a *minyan* and that it would be permissible for a *minyan* to be made up of 10 women.

The UTCJ responsum thus reflects a more liberal position than that of the Orthodox rabbis and a less liberal one than that of Conservative Judaism.

The responsum, written by Rabbi Wayne Allen of Lakewood, California, says: "It is incumbent upon us to retain every Jewish man and woman and to encourage them to further observance in every way possible and permissible. Thus, it would be counter-productive to forbid women's prayer groups - which are halachically licit - where active and committed Jewish women come to serve God with love and reverence."

In addition to talmudic sources and historical precedent - Urima of Worms, a noted woman prayer leader in 13th century Germany - the responsum also cited a recent opinion in the name of the late Rabbi Moshe Feinstein which concluded that a pious Jewish woman may read Tora for other pious women.

Mosquitoes: More of a nuisance than a health hazard

MENACHEM SHALEV
For the Jerusalem Post

The five billion or so mosquitoes currently plaguing Tel Aviv and the coastal areas are of the subgroup *culex pipiens molestus* - "a very fitting family name," according to Jacob Lengy, professor of parasitology at the Tel Aviv University Medical School.

Apart from causing temporary damage to the skin, the mosquito transmits disease by viruses, germs and protozoa. The most common disease caused by mosquitoes is malaria. This is transmitted by the anopheles mosquito, which at present is not found in our area. Other infectious diseases, such as meningitis, can also be transmitted by the mosquito.

Lengy says that, as far as he knows, there are no diseases currently being carried by mosquitoes biting Tel Avivians; but he points out that the situation could change if a new source of disease should enter Israel, via tourists or new immigrants. Lengy mentions the recent wave of immigrants from Ethiopia, in whom numerous cases of malaria were detected. Two years ago 800 cases of malaria were diagnosed among the new immigrants; the number fell to 500 last year, and only a few cases were detected this year.

In Israel, the mosquito is more a nuisance than a health hazard. There are three basic reactions to a mosquito bite: the first is an "immune type response," in which there is no reaction at all to the bite; the second is an "immediate type response," where the reaction occurs within five minutes and causes an itch for less than an hour; and the third is a "delayed type response," the most unpleasant reaction, lasting up to two weeks and inducing serious itching to the point of bleeding.

Lengy says that reactions to mosquito bites are of an allergic nature - an allergy which nearly everyone has - and when an especially violent reaction occurs an allergist can immunize the patient. This is achieved by injecting concentrated mosquitoes into the skin. But the treatment necessitates twice weekly injections for three to four months and may be effective for only a year and is therefore not recommended for the normal sufferer.

The constant battle against mosquitoes may also create psychological problems. Loss of sleep and constant irritation could lead to violent behaviour or lack of concentration.

The various medications and devices on the market provide temporary relief, but, as Lengy points out, what is needed is action at the source - spraying the various pools of stagnant water that serve as mosquito breeding grounds.

Only female mosquitoes do the biting. They need a special supplement found in blood in order to mature their eggs. Both the male and the female spend their time preening and feeding on nectar. "The female does not have an evil nature. It is a biological necessity," points out Lengy apologetically.

Mosquitoes are attracted by body odour, body heat and the carbon dioxide released by human sweat.

In one experiment, mosquitoes introduced into a room with four people in it showed a distinct preference in choosing their victims. But Lengy points out that, if there is only one person in the room and the mosquito is "hungry," nothing will deter the flying nemesis from exacting its toll.

Lower prices at Hebrew book fair

TEL AVIV. - Prices will be lower than last year's at the 1986 Hebrew Book Week fair, which opens a week from today, said Rachely Edelman, chairman of the Publisher's Association, at a press conference yesterday previewing the event.

Rubinstein: No need for shabby gov't offices

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

There is no justifiable reason for government offices to suffer from physical neglect, Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein said yesterday at a ceremony to mark the completion of renovations at Jerusalem's Central Post Office, where

the Communications Ministry is housed.

Rubinstein observed that in Israel it was a norm rather than an exception for government offices to be somewhat dilapidated. He attributed this to the formidable bureaucratic process, which holds up attempts to renovate.

Ballet stars bamboozle security men

By BERNARD JOSEPHS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The feet-footed stars of Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet are leading their security men a merry dance as they waltz through crowds with their artists.

The dancers have recovered from the nervousness that nearly stopped their tour before it began. And no-one could be more delighted than international impresario Victor Hochhauser, who brought them here.

"When you see them, you can hardly believe these are the same people who wanted to cancel their visit because they were afraid of terrorism," he chuckled happily at his Jerusalem residence yesterday.

The troupe, who voted to cancel their Israel Festival appearances because of the "terrorist risk," changed their minds two weeks ago after the decision was roundly condemned here and in Britain.

When they arrived last week they were very nervous, admitted Hochhauser. They were given a security escort and anticipated a siege at their Tel Aviv hotel.

But then, said the impresario, things began to change. "They noticed how peaceful it is here and gradually their anxiety was dispelled."

Now it is the guards who wear that worried look as they struggle to keep up with the 57 dancers and 20 technicians for whose safety they are responsible.

"They are always giving the security men the slip by going off on their own instead of staying with the group. The fact is that they don't want to be guarded any more," said Hochhauser.

"They are delighted to be here and they're having a great time. In fact, they are even talking of a second visit. They agree that if they had not come it wouldn't only have been a disappointment for the festival audiences, it would also have been a great loss for them."

The dancers also gave this *Jerusalem Post* reporter the slip. "They are either galavanting around Tel Aviv or on their way to Caesarea," said a hotel receptionist yesterday afternoon.

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Administrative detainees 'reject help' from civil rights group

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Administrative detainees in the occupied territories and universities there closed by military order have consistently turned down offers of legal help by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, it was reported yesterday by a press conference in Jerusalem.

Association spokesman Prof. Ruth Gavison said in an annual review of the organization's activities that the administrative detainees have both ideological and practical objections to petitioning the High Court of Justice.

Ideologically, she said, they do not want to recognize the authority of the court; and practically, they do not want to run the risk, which they think is considerable, that the court will uphold the legitimacy of administrative detentions. The universities had similar reasons for turning

down offers of legal help.

Gavison said that in the past year there was a "drastic increase" in what she called "administrative punishments." She noted that now there are about 50 people in administrative detention, compared with the peak of 126 earlier this year. Other such "administrative punishments" include expulsions, and destroying or sealing up houses of terror suspects.

Regarding the forced hospitalization of the mentally ill, she said that the medical and legal authorities generally agree that the present set-up gives too much discretionary power to the district psychologists.

During the past year, eight people hospitalized against their will turned to the association for help, and most of them were released after a review of their cases. Gavison said these cases concerned mainly those who were not dangerous to themselves or

to their surroundings, but who still need psychiatric help.

Most experts and officials agree, she said, that such cases would be better served by community mental health facilities instead of hospitalization. But lack of funds and vested interests are blocking expansion of community treatment, she said.

Another cause advanced by the association, she said, was non-religious burial for Jews. She said that halachically and legally there is no problem in providing such a ser-

vice for those who object in principle to religious rites. Hevra Kadishas do not hold a legal monopoly on burial services for Jews, she stressed.

A non-religious burial society could in principle get a permit, she said, were it not for the opposition by the Orthodox establishment. An association spokesman mentioned that one of its former leaders, judge Hama Sheli, who was murdered with his family at Ras Burka, was buried in a kibbutz cemetery due to his opposition to religious rites.

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- (4) Appointment of directors.
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Fierce debate rocks American Rabbinical Assembly

Jerusalem Post New York Correspondent Walter Ruby reports on the controversy on patrilineal descent

THE CONSERVATIVE movement in the U.S., already troubled by the formation of a group that vigorously opposes such innovations as the ordination of women, will now also have to contend with a pressure group that encourages Conservative rabbis to flout denominational discipline on the equally contentious issue of determination of a person's Jewishness also by patrilineal descent.

During its convention last month, the movement's Rabbinical Assembly (RA) voted 235-92 to uphold the traditional determination of Jewishness exclusively by matrilineal descent, and threatened expulsion of Conservative rabbis who threaten that standard. In the wake of that vote, 120 rabbis, about 35 per cent of those present, signed a man-

ifesto under the name "Committee of Conscience In Formation." The statement decried "the application of coercion and sanctions... (which is) destructive of the principle of unity in diversity which is the hallmark of Conservative Judaism."

The statement called on the officers of the RA "not to apply the resolution at this time, to provide an opportunity for more reasoned debate and reconsideration, and be cognizant of the oppressive nature of sanctions, which stifle conscience and rabbinic integrity."

Among the signers were some, like Rabbi Robert Gordis, professor emeritus at the movement's Jewish Theological Seminary, who oppose the principle of patrilineal descent but also oppose coercion on the issue.

The violation of the principle of matrilineal descent is the third practice for which a Conservative rabbi can be expelled from the RA. The other two are participating in an intermarriage and remarriage of a woman without halachic divorce or annulment of a previous marriage if her husband did not die.

THE IMPOSITION of the strict new standards appears to be part of a reaction on the part of the mainstream of Conservative Jewry to the growing perception that the Conservatives will eventually follow the lead of the Reform movement on adopting patrilineal descent, just as they did more than 10 years after the Reform movement on the issue of the ordination of women.

That decision was bitterly

opposed by a group that two years ago constituted itself as the Union of Traditional Conservative Judaism (UTCJ). The group's executive director, Rabbi Ronald Price, threatens that the UTCJ will break away and form another American Jewish denomination unless its agenda is seriously considered within the Conservative movement.

The RA and the leadership of JTS have flatly refused to turn away from their decision to go forward on the ordination of women and have refused to make the changes the UTCJ has demanded in the new Conservative prayerbook, the *Siddur Sim Shalom*. But the Conservative leadership has appeared to bend over backwards to signal to the UTCJ that other facets of traditional Conservative theology — such as matrilineal

descent — will be rigorously upheld.

Thus the new chancellor of JTS, Dr. Ismar Schorsch, has signalled in a series of press interviews his determination to be a "militant centrist." His predecessor, Dr. Gershon Cohen, was widely viewed as a liberal who fought hard for women's ordination and other innovations. Schorsch has said that the debate on patrilineal descent should be ended immediately with an unequivocal statement of opposition to the practice before the issue becomes too divisive within the movement.

EARLY THIS YEAR, the Conservative movement's official halachic body, the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, voted 21-2 with one abstention to pass a resolution reiterating that Jewish

lineage passes through the mother alone and that conversion to Judaism requires immersion in a *mikveh* (ritual bath), and circumcision for men. Furthermore, it made these requirements a "Standard of Rabbinic Practice," an official status that would subject violators of the standard to expulsion from the RA. It is this decision that was upheld at the RA convention.

Leading the fight for the principle of patrilineal descent was Rabbi Seymour Siegel, professor of ethics and theology at JTS. Siegel, who is known for politically conservative views but is often innovative on matters of religious dogma, attacked the matrilineal principle as "illogical." He said that "even the Talmud does not give a reason for it."

pressed by many opponents of the principle of patrilineal descent that its adoption would split the Jewish people. "Orthodox Jews would never recognize us and be friendly, even if we stood on our heads and walked on our hands. By that argument, you won't do anything," he said.

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive director of the RA, said that many at the RA convention were surprised that 92 rabbis — nearly one third of the total group — voted against the resolution to uphold matrilineal descent. He said: "I had expected maybe 20-30 rabbis would take that stand, not 92. While the intent of the resolution is to settle this issue once and for all, reality mandates that this is an issue that will be studied some more."

THE INTERIM report of a study on Israeli emigration to the U.S. by Dr. Aharon Kfir of Haifa University and Dr. Asher Friedberg of the Hebrew University tells us that most of the *yordim* to the U.S. are young people (90 per cent below age 40) and without professions. Undoubtedly, 10 years after their arrival in the U.S. most of these young non-professionals will have become middle-aged professionals.

In the Greater Hartford area in Connecticut, where I was recently a scholar-in-residence, there are an estimated 100-200 *yordim*. I addressed about 40 of them. What impressed me most about this group was that it represented a wide cross-section of Israeli society, though there were no knitted skullcaps visible — those are to be found on the heads of *olim*. Furthermore, there seemed to be a genuine concern about various phenomena in Israeli society (though not about *yeridut*) — combined with a surprising amount of ignorance regarding details. Supposedly, the only Hebrew newspaper one reads in the U.S. is *Yisrael Shelanu* (published in N.Y.), and even that not on a regular basis, so you don't really know what is going on in Israel. The *New York Times* and *Hartford Courant* certainly do not keep you informed. What these *yordim* were concerned about was the impact of Meir Kahane in Israel, the danger to Israeli democracy, and the economic situation (which, allegedly, is the main reason most of them are in the U.S. in the first place).

MOST OF THE YORDIM I have

'Abroad for a few years'

Susan Hattis Rolef refers to a study on *yordim* and personal observation to illumine the phenomenon

met did not plan to leave Israel permanently. They went abroad for "a few years" to make some money, gain professional experience, and get out of the "pressure cooker" for a while. They never gave any

thought to the momentum of living abroad and did not prepare in advance a timely escape, before finding themselves in a more or less tenured job, paying a mortgage on a house and concerned about interrupting

Lonely Zionist in Connecticut

DURING A RECENT visit in the United States, I attended a non-Orthodox Pessah seder for the first time in my life. There were guests from all over the world, and it felt like "an ingathering in Exile." When we reached the end of the Haggada, in traditional style I sang with gusto *Leshana haba bivruslavim* (Next year in Jerusalem) in Hebrew.

Suddenly I realized I was the

only one singing, with 22 pairs of eyes turned on me, and the seder leader smiled as if to say, "How quaint."

I felt embarrassed and my voice petered out slowly. Then the host looked at his guests, thanked them for helping him and his family celebrate the holiday, and said he hoped to see them all again "Next year in Connecticut!"

JANET SEGAL

Anniversary for former Clevelanders

FORMER CLEVELANDERS and visitors from that city are scheduled to gather in Sacher Park in Jerusalem on Tuesday, July 1, at 5 p.m. for a supper picnic celebrating the third anniversary of the opening of the Daniel Haas Centre, the Cleveland *Landmannschaft* national headquarters in the Eilon Tower Building in Jerusalem.

The centre consists of a lounge and office in the building's concourse, and it serves as a meeting place, service centre and communications headquarters for its members (about 400 families) living, studying, volunteering or visiting in Israel.

The centre, open daily from 9 to 4 and Tuesday till 9 p.m., is a drop-in headquarters for Clevelanders in Israel who want to keep in touch with "the old home." A cup of coffee or a cold drink is always available, as are recent copies of the *Cleveland Jewish News*, and the leading library is always open. Former Torontoian Frances Lewkowicz, who has been

living in Jerusalem since 1980 and has been directing the centre for the past two years, or a part-time assistant is always there to answer questions.

The centre helps with small interest-free emergency loans, job hunting, emergency plane tickets to the U.S., housing interviews and student counselling, and publishes a newsletter and an annually updated directory of Clevelanders in Israel.

"The major service we give is probably the job service," Lewkowicz said. She personally goes to potential employers to see what kind of jobs they are offering and what kind of people they are looking for. She also goes to the airport to greet new *olim*, then tries to link them with other former Clevelanders who have been living here a long time, to help the newcomers along their way into Israeli society.

THE CENTRE is named in memory of a Cleveland-born soldier who fell in the Lebanon War. It was established and is supported by the

Volunteers for Clevelanders in Israel (VCI), an *Olivo* organization with a membership of about 300 families. The VCI was organized after a visit to Cleveland in 1974 by the late Pinhas Sapir, then chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, who urged Clevelanders to take some responsibility for their *olim*.

Shirley Goodman, now executive director of VCI, took Sapir's message to heart, came to Israel, and met with 35 former Clevelanders to find out how the "old-home" community could best help them, and organized the group.

Today the VCI not only raises funds for the Haas Centre but also gives prospective *olim* information, advice and help, and a gala send off to Israel as well.

Membership of the Haas Centre is the equivalent of \$1 for veteran residents of Israel. VCI membership is \$10 for students and \$20 for others. This includes free Haas Centre membership for one year for *olim* who otherwise pay \$20 for Centre membership in their first year. M.K.

A closer look at the ANC

JEWS FEEL a "special personal responsibility" for insisting on an end to apartheid in South Africa, but "political morality" demands "a close, unselfish look" at the African National Congress (ANC), which is frequently discussed as an alternative to the Botha Government, according to Nathan Perlmuter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

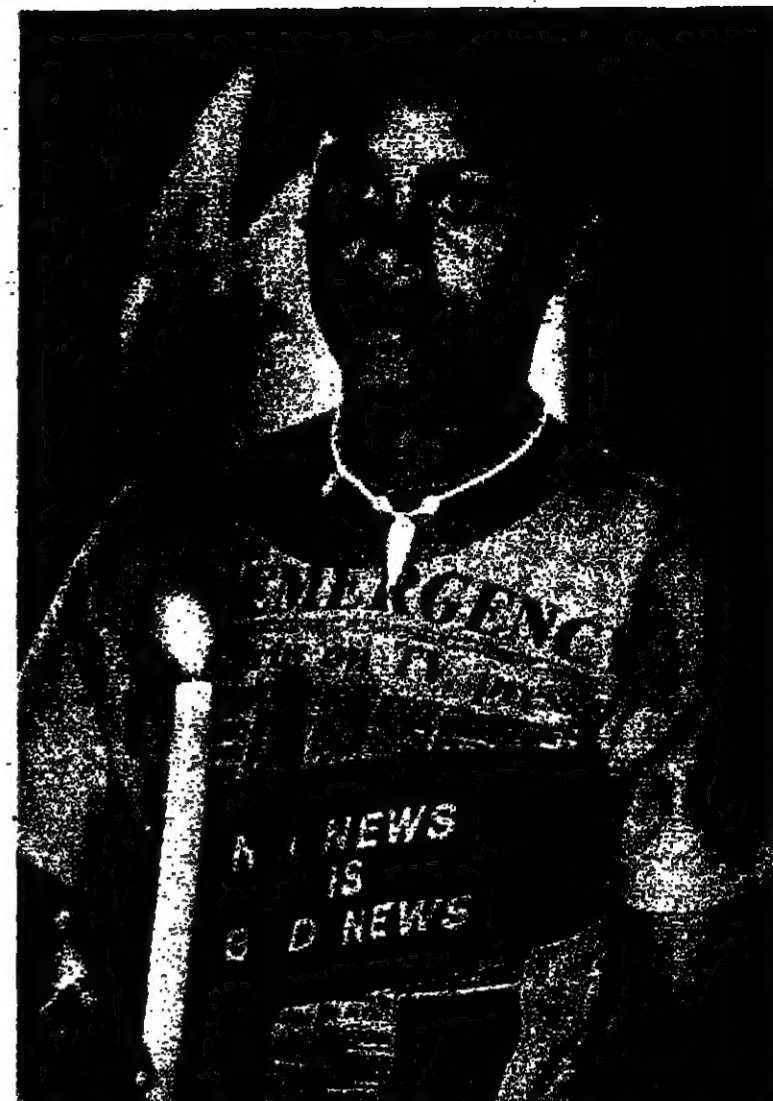
In an article in the May issue of the League's publication, the *ADL Bulletin*, which also carries the byline of David Evanier, a member of ADL's research and evaluation department, Perlmuter describes the ANC as a pro-Soviet, anti-American organization with strong links to PLO terrorists.

Any discussion of South Africa, the article asserts, must begin with the realization that apartheid is "racist and dehumanizing." But, it adds, the criteria by which apartheid is judged as abhorrent must also be applied to the kind of society that would replace it. "We must distinguish," the article states, "between those who will work for a humane, democratic, pro-Western South Africa and those who are totalitarian, anti-human, anti-democratic."

The article goes on to note that the ANC has received arms, funding, military training and other logistical support from the Soviet Union and its allies. It is under "heavy Communist Party influence," is a "strident" supporter of the PLO and spreads slanderous propaganda that "Zionism is racism."

Other information on the ANC includes the following:
□ Oliver Tambo, who has headed the group since 1964, is a member of the presidential committee of the World Peace Council, a leading Soviet-controlled front organization based in Helsinki, and has been a speaker or guest at various forums sponsored by the Communist Party of the U.S.

□ Seven members of the ANC national executive committee have been identified in sworn testimony before a U.S. Senate subcommittee on security and terrorism as members of the South African Communist Party, which, according to its general secretary, Moses Mabhida, supports the same programme as the ANC for "seizure of power." Some members of the ANC were said to have trained in the Soviet Union



Innocent yearning for a solution to South Africa's internal conflict reflected in the face of a girl in Cape Town. (APF)

with PLO cadres from Lebanon and Libya.

□ At a Soviet-supported meeting in Paris, ANC president Tambo publicly declared that the PLO's "struggle is ours" and attacked what he called the "alliance that has developed between racism and Zionism."

□ An ANC representative at the United Nations who is a member of the group's National Education Council — Ernest (Fred) Dube — taught his students at the State University of New York at Stony Brook that "Zionism is as much racism as Nazism is racism."

□ The ANC supports Moscow on foreign policy issues; e.g. in 1985, Tambo told an ANC meeting that the "anti-imperialist revolution in Afghanistan has been saved with the support of the Soviet Union."

"It has been made painfully clear," the article points out, "that while tyrannies can be overthrown, at times the regimes replacing them may be even worse."

There is still time, the article declares, for a "democratic alternative," such as the victory won by Corazon Aquino in the Philippines, to carry the day in South Africa.

Given as "a striking example of assistance to a democratic alternative" is a two-month training programme in political, economic and social self-sufficiency for leaders from the black township of Soweto currently taking place at the Afro-Asian Institute in Tel Aviv.

The programme, under the direction of the Histadrut, which staunchly opposes apartheid, focuses on unionizing South Africa's black workers, developing black civil infrastructures, organizing black women and teaching social work in the townships.

The article concludes: "The survival of freedom in South Africa will be possible only if the forces of violence on the far left and racial violence on the far right are defeated by the democratic forces of moderation."



Scale model of Holocaust Memorial, to be placed in September on the village green of Skokie, Illinois. 7,000 of whose 23,000 Jewish residents (out of a total population of 69,000) are Holocaust survivors. The monument, designed by Edward Cheney, is a 3.6-metre-high bronze sculpture of a freedom fighter standing guard over a mother, her murdered infant, a rabbi, and a child clinging to the rabbi's knees. The groundbreaking ceremony took place recently. (Chicago Tribune photo by Chris Walker)

'Year of aliya'

Jewish Agency Aliya Department head Haim Aharon this week called for the declaration of 1987 as the year of immigration and absorption.

Aharon also said that the agency has to provide the means to enable immigrants begin a new life with dignity.

Saul Cohen leaves American JDC

DR. SAUL COHEN last week resigned as executive vice president of the American Jewish Distribution Committee, to return to academic life. It was announced here by Heinz Eppler, president of the JDC. Cohen, who was president of Queens College, N.Y., before joining the JDC, served in the organization 15 months. He plans to resume

teaching at the City University of New York Graduate Centre. He is working on a manuscript about the geopolitics of Israel's borders, which may be expanded to a book, and hopes to write a book on geopolitical theory. Cohen is also aiding the Early Childhood Commission of the New York City schools. (JTA)

Bob Dylan and the Brooklyn Habadniks

NEW YORK (AP). — Reclusive folk-pop superstar Bob Dylan, a Jew who flirted with fundamental Christianity in the late 1970s, has spent some of the last four years living and worshipping with the Habad community in Brooklyn's Crown Heights section, the *Daily News* reported.

Members of the Habad community told the newspaper that Dylan, 45, whose original name was Robert Zimmerman, has been taking instruction from Talmudic scholars. His latest visit was during Passover,

and he is expected to return when he comes to New York for a concert in Madison Square Garden on July 17.

Dylan declines to discuss his religious activities. "We do not talk about him here," said Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, a Habad spokesman. "He is a very private person and we respect his wishes to remain so."

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MARKET PLACE

AVI TEMKIN

Wrong-headed subsidies

Israel's electronics industry, with the aid of Industry Minister Ariel Sharon and Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi, is trying to pickpocket the taxpayer and in the process is endangering economic stability. In the name of "exports," a vociferous campaign has been launched designed to get enlarged subsidies for exporters to the dollar area, especially those in the electronics industry.

The industrialists claim that Israel's balance of payments problems make it imperative to enlarge exports. For this purpose it is necessary to grant exporters as much as they say is required. Exporters' profits have fallen, and therefore exports stagnate. Thus, they say, it is worthwhile risking economic stability. Moreover, it is possible to avoid enlarging budgetary outlays by cutting grants given to exporters to European countries.

This argument has apparently convinced Ya'acobi and Sharon. Both are powerful lobbyists inside the cabinet for the interests of the industrialists. Sharon has drafted a plan that would include enlarged compensation for exporters to the U.S. as well as grants for exporters increasing their sales elsewhere. In addition, there would be cheaper credits and financing of marketing efforts abroad.

Sharon has said that his plan would result in some \$400 million in additional exports. The price of such a plan would total some \$200m., but according to the minister this is worthwhile. Assuming for a moment that the minister is right about the additional exports, then it can be said that the subsidy rate for every additional dollar would amount to some 50 per cent — the result of dividing the total cost of the plan by total additional exports.

A subsidy rate of 50 per cent would mean that the government would be buying from exporters their additional dollars at about NIS 2.40 or NIS 2.50. At the same time the government would sell these dollars to the public for NIS 1.65, the effective rate for imports and travellers. In other words, the government would be buying dollars dear and selling them cheap. One is baffled by the lack of logic in such a proposal and registers surprise that it was even raised by two ministers.

Moreover, the two ministers have only to ask some of their own officials about the accuracy of their forecasts about the export increase. Government officials are extremely sceptical about the chances of raising exports by means of more subsidies. In the short term, exports are a function of foreign demand. A higher rate for exporters would result in increased profits for the industrialists, but not in more sales.

Furthermore, the industrialists as well as Sharon and Ya'acobi, must know that "a subsidy is a subsidy is a subsidy." They can call the sums they are planning to give to the industrialists whatever they like, "compensation," "exchange rate insurance," "incentive." Eventually they will learn that Israel must honour its obligations contracted under the Free Trade Agreement with the U.S. This agreement simply precludes Israel from granting export subsidies.

Even without such an agreement, any American producer feeling that he has been disadvantaged by Israeli exports is entitled to complain to an American court about Israeli subsidies. Such a complaint could lead to the imposition of customs duties on all Israeli wares, negating all possible advantages stemming from the increased subsidies.

But what about the so-called "balance of payments problems," about which Sharon and Ya'acobi are talking? Strangely enough, three days ago the inter-ministerial economic plan monitoring committee met to discuss balance of payments forecasts for 1986, even under the most pessimistic assumptions, there will be a surplus in the current account larger than previously planned.

Thus, not only is there no balance of payments problem, but Israel will register in 1986, for the second year in a row, a surplus of close to \$1 billion in its current account.

What should be stressed is that the ministers are confusing the problems of the electronics industry with those of the economy as a whole.

By a combination of bad management and bad luck the electronics sector is facing a bad year. The dollar, to which the industry is linked, has weakened, demand at home and abroad, has fallen. Industry leaders, convinced that the government will devalue the shekel, simply went on spending lavishly as usual and raising wages.

The crisis is real, but this does not mean that the taxpayer should pay the price of bailing out giants like El Al and Tadiran. Management, not the budget, should provide the solution.

Hapoalim dismisses senior U.S. manager

By PINHAS LANDAU

Post Finance Reporter

Bank Hapoalim is facing the need to fill another senior executive position after the resignation — in effect, the dismissal — of Gad Gil, a joint general manager who had been appointed to head the bank's North American operations. Gil resigned recently after it was discovered that he had maintained personal foreign currency accounts at Bank Hapoalim's Cayman Islands branch — a violation of the country's foreign currency controls as well as of the bank's internal regulations.

According to internal bank documents, the scope of Hapoalim's U.S. operations totalled almost \$3 billion last year, with the bank operating nine branches across the country (three in New York). Because its foreign outlets are registered as branches of the Israeli head office, and not as separate business entities, the bank has never published separate balance sheets or profit figures for them.

The \$3b. asset figure compares to published figures of \$3.7b. assets at Israel Discount Bank of New York, the largest Israeli bank subsidiary in the U.S., and to \$2.7b. at Bank Leumi Trust Corp. of New York. The latter, however, does not represent the full extent of Leumi's presence in the U.S., since it has branches affiliated to its head office in several cities as well as in the Cayman Islands.

At present, Arye Abend is Hapoalim's manager for its North American region, centred on New York. Abend will complete a three-year tour of duty later this summer and has expressed his desire to return to Israel at that time. If Hapoalim fails to find an alternative candidate to replace him, he may be asked to remain for another year, at least.

Gad Gil is a member of Kibbutz Givat Haim and had represented the United Kibbutz Movement among the senior management of Bank Hapoalim.

His area of responsibility had been the bank's computer network and operations, in which Hapoalim had been at a significant disadvantage compared to other banks until a few years ago. Opinions are divided over the results of the bank's catch-up efforts, which Gil masterminded, with some analysts believing that mistakes were made because of the urge to move ahead quickly.

Gil had been appointed some time ago to succeed Abend in North America and had planned to move there soon with his family. His "representation" of the UKM came to an end several weeks before the discovery of the bank accounts which led to his resignation, when his kibbutz discovered that he had been holding some of his salary perks on his own, rather than in the kibbutz's name. Despite a demand to terminate his membership of the kibbutz, a compromise solution was reached in which he took several years' leave — in which he was to become the bank's senior American executive.

The revelation, two weeks ago, that Gil held two accounts in the Cayman branch, with deposits totalling tens of thousands of dollars, led to an internal investigation and finally to a meeting at which Gil "agreed" to resign. He also sold the dollars in the account and reportedly sought an agreement with the Bank of Israel, whereby he would be fined rather than indicted.

Gil maintains that the money is mostly that of his late father's widow and he had power of attorney over it. Gil's father was a founding member of the kibbutz and served for many years at the UN. His own money in the bank represented surpluses from expense account funds given him for official bank trips abroad over the years.

Gil expressed remorse for his "stupidity" in newspaper interviews and said that the fact that he had lost his job and position was itself a heavy punishment. He is currently working on his kibbutz as a kitchen hand.

Stability above all

Even after the recent salary recovery, which followed the erosion that accompanied the economic stabilization plan, salaries during the first quarter of the year were 5.3 per cent lower than in the quarter preceding the plan (April-June 1985). These figures were reported by the Central Bureau of Statistics. From February, the last month wage increments were paid, until May, prices rose by about 6.4 per cent. So that even if a cost-of-living allowance is added to June salaries, it won't compensate for the erosion that has taken place since February.

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In fact, erosion could continue and even worsen. Given these figures, it is amazing that government spokesmen are still trying to convince the public that salary erosion is over and done with. In reality, the government has held fast to the erosion achieved by the economic plan. In net terms, the erosion is less. But one must remember that as far as pensions and benefits are concerned, it is the brutto that counts.

Central Bureau of Statistics figures show that during the first quarter of the year salaries were measured at 113 points (with 100 being the base in 1978). By comparison, the average salary level was 111.9 in 1985 and 122.9 in 1984.

Industrial salaries during the first quarter of this year were still 4.3 per cent lower than the average 1984 salary. Public service salaries were 19.5 per cent lower. Salary erosion is still substantial, and may be one of the reasons — perhaps the main reason — that inflation is staying at a low of 1.5 per cent a month.

Even salary hikes of a few percentage points, and cost-of-living allowances meant to compensate for the erosion of the last few months, won't necessitate a new devaluation of the shekel relative to the dollar.

Again the dollar is more than just the American currency. It is also an important factor of calculation for Israel's both in business and in the home. Any change in the exchange rate of the dollar will renew the inflationary process.

Fifty-eight per cent of Israel's imported goods originated in Europe

No tax adjustment next month

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter

Income tax brackets will not be adjusted next month, despite the payment of a cost-of-living allowance of about 6 per cent, State Revenue Commissioner Yisrael Baron said yesterday. This means that the increment to net wages will be of only 0.4 to 4.5 per cent, since income tax payments will increase as a result of non-adjustment of brackets.

Baron told reporters the law calls for only quarterly adjustments of the brackets, and therefore the Treasury will adjust the tax brackets for July wages, which are paid early in August. This means that August net wages will increase, despite the fact that gross wages will not.

The Treasury has explained that the decrease in the rate of inflation makes it possible to adjust tax brackets once every three months, instead of monthly. Monthly adjustments were introduced in 1984, when inflation increased sharply.

Scare on Milan bourse

ROME (Reuters). — Italian Finance Minister Bruno Visentini yesterday ruled out any early introduction of a tax on profits from shares, a statement which operators said immediately halted a slide in Milan bourse values.

The minister's statement restored investor confidence after a wave of selling triggered by fears that the government was about to impose a capital gains tax on share dealing, operators in Milan said.

Rumours that Mexico may stop repaying its foreign debts

MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — Speculation is mounting that Mexico may be about to stop repaying its huge foreign debt as its economic condition worsens, the peso slides against the dollar and street violence flares.

Almost exactly four years ago, falling oil prices and rising interest rates forced Mexico to detonate the so-called Latin American debt bomb by suspending interest payments on the \$80 billion it owed overseas creditors.

Now with the debt nearly \$100b. and oil prices again well below their usual levels, fears are growing that the country will once again stop paying, a move which would throw world financial markets into disarray and possibly set a precedent for the other Latin debtors.

In the last week the free-market peso has slumped to around 730 to the dollar from just 520, unsettled by yesterday's street violence and depressed by Mexico's worsening economic condition, bankers say.

More than 200 people were injured and about 80 arrested in the fracas following an international football match.

Fuelling the rumours have been confusing statements from Finance Minister Jesus Silva Herzog, who in the past week has said Mexico may have to suspend payments on the \$9b. in interest it owes this year, yet has assured reporters there is enough in central bank coffers to pay.

"Our principal creditors are the Mexican people," Silva Herzog said last week, echoing President Miguel

de la Madrid's warning in February that Mexico was not prepared to sacrifice its basic development by using some 45 per cent of its export earnings to fulfil its interest payments this year.

"It's more 'won't pay' now, whereas it was simple 'can't pay' back in 1982," said one European banker.

While the authorities remain vague on whether De la Madrid is preparing to try to regain popularity by declaring a moratorium, rumours fly about various options being examined.

A possible solution might be a negotiated payments pause to give the country breathing space, perhaps through allowing repayment in pesos, which would allow Mexico to keep its precious dollars and the banks to continue classifying their loans as "performing."

Another might be the inclusion in any deal of more exotic devices, like the banks agreeing to accept shares in state-owned companies in lieu of hard cash — anathema to the bankers — or taking bonds linked to the value of a barrel of oil.

More likely, they say, is that agreement will finally be reached with the International Monetary Fund, allowing serious talks to go ahead with the banks on lightening the debt load through easier payment terms.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:	Value	% Change
General Share Index	119.04	-0.35%
Non-Bank Index	140.88	-0.96%
Arrangement	109.38	+0.00%
Insurance	159.48	-2.3%
Commerce, Services	183.24	-0.82%
Real Estate	188.78	-0.61%
Industrials	128.49	-0.88%
Textiles	153.51	-1.08%
Metals	122.82	-0.98%
Electronics	106.40	-1.10%
Chemicals	130.72	-0.65%
Industrial Invest.	122.16	-0.13%
Investment Cos.	145.24	-1.30%
General Bond Index	108.59	+0.13%
Index-linked Bonds	112.34	+0.13%
Fully-linked	112.13	+0.13%
Partially-linked	108.11	+0.13%
Dollar-linked Bonds	100.94	+0.47%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	107.87	+0.26%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	108.87	+0.11%
Long-term 5+ yrs	107.87	+0.35%

Turnovers:	Value	% Change
Shares - total	NIS 7,414,200	
Arrangement	NIS 2,082,500	
Non-bank	NIS 5,331,700	
Bonds - total	NIS 8,607,700	
Index-linked	NIS 8,039,400	
Dollar-linked	NIS 1,577,400	
Treasury Bills	NIS 11,302,000	
Advances	117 (52)	
of which 5% +	12 (12)	
"buyers only"	5 (1)	
Declines	170 (222)	
of which 5% +	24 (56)	
"sellers only"	2 (8)	
Unchanged	163 (101)	
Trading Halt	36 (41)	

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	% Change
Meir Ezra	4410	-	+1.1
Supernat 2	5180	1083	-1.3
Delek	3055	2083	-
Lighterage	15378	28	-
Cold Storage	2568	785	-10.0
Dan Hotels	3740	97	-2.5
Yarden Hotel	3313	84	+1.1
Hilon 1	12855	2	-0.3
Tamir 1	1820	135	+1.1
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Azornim	831	4807	-2.0
Elion	345	5738	-5.5
Alia Israel D.I.	34350	32	-0.4
Dankner	4080	293	-
Prop. & Bldg.	2915	788	-0.8
Bayada D.I.	4180	10	-1.0
ILDC	49888	62	-0.4
Rassco r	6810	183	+0.3
Mehadrin	7110	800	+2.3
Hadarim	1145	1615	-
Industrials			
Dubek b	3620	445	-0.8
Pri-Ze 1	2223	826	+1.0
Sumfrost	8180	235	+1.5
Elite	14800	24	+1.0
Adgar	855	2083	-5.0
Argamim r	13185	361	-
Dela G. 1	4580	257	-1.5
Maquette 1	25800	30	+5.0
Eagle 1	12349	10	-0.0
Polgat 0.4	8900	281	-1.6
Schoellern	12970	113	-2.5
Rogoshin	4040	456	-1.2
Urdin 0.1 r	11200	131	-2.6
Is. Can. Co. 1	1168	1308	-
Zion Cable	2190	240	-0.5
Pecker Steel	7200	71	+2.9
Elbit 3 r	451000	36	-1.7
Trade & Services			
Elron	363950	11	-0.0
Arit	29550	115	-0.3
Clal Electronics	2350	1515	-2.1
Spectronik 1	2368	703	-0.1
T.A.T. 1	4500	256	-3.2
Ackerstein 1	1539	823	+4.0
Agan 5	20000	228	-2.9
Alliance	1765	735	+2.1
Dexter	3610	121	-
Fertilisers	5770	62	-
Hafia Chem.	832	4010	-
Teva r	55500	104	-
Dead Sea r	15600	537	-0.4
Petrochem	575	13847	+0.9
Neca Chem.	3520	50	-1.7
Frutaron	10007	83	-
Hadera Paper	215000	131	-2.3
Central Trade	6720	272	-
Koor P	5100000	0	+2.0
Clal Inds.	1394	4268	-0.5
Investment Companies			
IDB Dev. r	4000	1348	-1.5
Elion	4840	no trading	-
AFK 1	no trading	-	-
Gahler	1385	188	+1.8
Israel Corp. 1	8500	1838	-0.5
Wolfson 1 r	107000	7	+2.9
Hapoalim Inv.	4840	1894	+0.3
Discount Invest.	5000	123	-2.9
Mizrahi Invest.	2500	1165	-
Clal 10	830	2275	-1.2
Landeco 0.1	9200	24	+0.9
Pama 0.1	9000	170	-7.2
Oil Exploration			
Paz Oil Expl.	no trading	-	-
J.O.E.L.	1582	2453	-

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Banker warns against real wage rises

Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A senior banker yesterday warned that if the current round of wage negotiations in the economy led to large real wage increases, the result would be a quick return to the inflationary spiral and the reversal of the gains made over the last year.

The banker, speaking on a non-attributable basis, also noted that the current massive purchases of index-linked bonds by the investing public could, under certain circumstances, lead to heavy losses.

The public, he noted, was investing in bonds with a six-to-ten-year maturity span on the assumption

that these represented a safe way of protecting the value of their investments. However, if interest rates should rise and thus reverse the sharp downward trend of recent months, the degree of leverage on these bonds would cause their value to fall heavily.

For instance, a seven-year bond would lose 21 per cent of its value if interest rates, meaning bond yields, rose by three per cent per annum. The public was not expecting such a development, but were it to occur it would cause a severe shock to the capital market and change the pattern of investment behaviour, warned the high-level bank executive.

FINANCIAL DATA: ISRAEL EUROPE, U.S.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS June 10, 1986

SHEKEL INTEREST RATES			
PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month			
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)			
	Last Updated	Tapas	Pakam 7-Day Pakam 30-Day
LEUMI	10.6	7-12.75%	8-13.5%
HAPAOALIM	20.5	8-14.5%	9-15%
DISCOUNT	5.4	7-13%	8-14%
MIZRAHI	8.5	8-15%	9-17%
FIRST INTL	12.3	8-13%	9-15%

Rates vary according to size of deposit. (Tapas: demand deposit paying daily interest. Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

PATAH — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of June 9)			
	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	6.500	6.525	6.575
STG	8.825	8.850	8.900
DMK	3.875	4.000	4.000
SFR	4.250	4.125	4.000
YEN	3.125	3.125	3.125

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES			
	CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS	BANKNOTES	Rep. Rates
	Buy	Sell	
U.S.A. Dollar	1.4897	1.5083	1.47
U.K. Sterling	2.2375	2.2855	2.20
Deutch Mark	0.6885	0.6788	0.64
French Franc	0.2095	0.2121	0.20
Dutch Guilder	0.5338	0.5013	0.51
Swiss Franc	0.8109	0.8211	0.80
Swedish Krone	0.2070	0.2086	0.20
Norwegian Krone	0.1958	0.1982	0.19
Danish Krone	0.1807	0.1830	0.18
Finnish Mark	0.2873	0.2908	0.28
Canad. Dollar	1.0717	1.0851	1.06
Austr. Dollar	1.0383	1.0513	0.97
S. Africa Rand	0.5675	0.5747	0.48
Belgian Franc	0.3258	0.3297	0.32
Austrian Sch.	0.9525	0.9644	0.94
Italian Lire	0.8737	0.8858	0.86
Japanese Yen	0.8894	0.9005	0.88
Jordanian Dinar	—	—	4.14
Egyptian Pound	—	—	0.79

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What's in a plane?

U.S. support for the Lavi fighter jet project has never been unreserved. But now that reserve appears to have been transformed into outright opposition.

As long as the American funds allocated for the project were targeted for development, Washington, despite reluctance in the Pentagon, kept the taps open. But now that the plane is due to move into the production stage, involving a huge and long-term financial commitment, the nay-sayers in the U.S. have emerged in full force.

The reasons are substantial. At a time when the U.S. budget is itself under great pressure, support for financing the Lavi cannot be easily justified to the keepers of that budget. The American warplane industry, influential in Washington, has also weighed in against the project, for it would effectively divert large sums from U.S. industry to Israel, and, of course, potentially create a plane that might offer commercial competition. That American-built components, including the Lavi's engine, would still be paramount has apparently not blunted this argument, especially on the part of firms not involved.

The American critics are, of course, also aware that the Lavi has encountered opposition within Israel itself, both from economists and defence specialists. They argue in essence that neither the economy nor the army can afford such a massive diversion of resources to this single programme. Better to continue the practice of buying U.S. planes, with American financial aid, and introduce locally whatever Israeli-made avionic components are desired.

Yet all these arguments and counter-arguments are not new. They have been aired almost from the start of the Lavi programme, and were only intensified as, in stages, the plane became more costly.

But in reality much more is at stake in the Lavi programme than the airplane itself. And that is the continued development of Israel's industrial and especially its high-tech infrastructure. That infrastructure leans heavily on defence production. Existing the Lavi now, would, therefore, cause severe damage to what is in place and severely hamper Israel's capacity to remain at least within range of the cutting edge of technology in a whole assortment of fields.

The dialogue with the U.S. about the plane cannot, therefore, as some American officials would prefer, be limited to differing assessments of production costs. For Israel's national stake in the plane is much more far-reaching and complex.

Since U.S. officials, under another hat, are also intent on helping Israel to expand and deepen its technological-industrial infrastructure, the debate over the Lavi, if it is to be genuine, must shift away from cost-overruns to Israel's technological future.

And the real question then would be whether there is an alternative project or projects that would give Israel the benefits its industrial and technical base can derive from the Lavi programme. That, at least, would be an authentic discussion between two states so closely aligned.

From that perspective it might even be concluded that having gone so far already with the Lavi - whose merits as a plane appear not in doubt - it remains the best alternative.

KOLLEK URGES

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things easier for them. They should have suitable punishment for the terrible things they are doing."

A spokesman for the Eda Haredit last night described Kolk's remarks as "irresponsible and likely to bring further conflict."

Southern District Police Commander Rahamim Comfort denied that the police had made any deal with haredim leaders to free those still being held if the haredim agreed to stop their vandalism. He defended the police's performance, saying: "We are not a punishing arm. We bring the accused before the judge and he makes the decision."

It is reported, however, that Jerusalem Police Commander Haim Albalade met with the Eda Haredit's

Rabbi Weiss. At the meeting, Weiss reportedly offered to do everything he could to prevent further disturbances and damage to bus shelters, if the 15 haredim still in jail are released in time for Shavuot.

The five haredim sentenced yesterday received three months' imprisonment and three-month suspended sentences. Two will also pay NIS 225 fines. The case of a sixth defendant, a minor, was separated from that of the others. A probation officer will determine how it should be handled.

Of the 10 haredim released on bail, nine refused to speak to the judge during the hearing. Outside the courtroom, however, the 10 declared that their campaign of vandalizing bus shelters would continue.

U.S. DIVIDED

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"I don't know that it was a re-negade operation and I don't know that it was a unique kind of operation... What we know today that we didn't know a year ago is that we need more information," he said at a National Press Club breakfast.

"In other words, we're not taking peoples' word for the fact that there's nothing going on... The investigation which began last year is ongoing," the Minnesota Republican added.

Reacting to the Israeli cabinet's statement of a day earlier, the U.S. formulation was aimed at easing mounting tensions with Israel stemming from the Pollard case. There

were widespread reports in the U.S. media alleging a more far-reaching Israeli espionage operation in the U.S. Those reports were coming from Justice Department and FBI sources.

The State Department's spokesman, Bernard Kalb, told reporters later on Monday that the U.S. statement welcoming and accepting Israeli promises of "full cooperation" with the U.S. investigation represented the view of the entire administration.

The confusion over the exact U.S. posture on this highly sensitive issue was clearly embarrassing the entire administration. Israeli officials expressed their own irritation.

ISRAEL TO

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ments so far congratulating Waldheim on his election, international press comment has been generally critical and has raised questions over how he will function amid the controversy.

President Reagan, Margaret Thatcher and Lebanese President Amin Jemayel have been among a handful of leaders offering congratulations, but Yugoslavia has not so far sent what would be a customary congratulatory telegram.

The Yugoslav government has re-

frained from comment on the allegations that Waldheim was involved in war crimes in the Balkans during World War II.

Egyptian President Mubarak congratulated Waldheim on his election and Egyptian newspapers praised voters for resisting an Israeli campaign against him.

Libya's Col. Muammar Gaddafi also sent congratulations to Waldheim, praising him "for the trust given you by the Austrian people which elected you as president of the republic despite Zionism's efforts to discredit you."

KNESSET PANEL

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to supervise the intelligence community effectively. "We met irregularly and when we did meet we were told hardly anything at all," he said.

"Particularly in the case of clandestine organizations such as the intelligence services, the sub-committee's control of administration should be far tighter."

The MK attributed the sub-committee's failure to fulfil its parliamentary role to the "lack of interest" of the chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee

and the lack of a proper opposition to the national unity government. "This is one of the cases in which the lack of an opposition is felt most," he said.

Another sub-committee member disagreed, saying that the problem lay with the ministers responsible for the intelligence services. "The Knesset cannot do what the ministers don't want to do," he said. "We don't have any disciplinary influence over the services and can't replace the ministers."

TALKING BIG AND DOING LITTLE

ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

THE SOVIET authorities in recent months have intensified their war against Zionist activities and Hebrew teachers. Of the 17 Prisoners of Zion, nine were arrested and put on trial since Gorbachev came to power. The Zionist activists are now treated more brutally, and all signs point to a definite policy of trying to destroy their movement.

The Knesset was told this last week, not by Geula Cohen, but by Immigrant Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur. And this, as Herut's Uzi Landau was mean enough to recall, only nine months after the prime minister told us that a breakthrough on the emigration of Soviet Jews was imminent.

Tsur asserted that the Israeli public is now more aware of the struggle of Soviet Jewry, noting that 200 public meetings had been held here during the just-concluded Soviet Jewry Solidarity Month. We shall consider that below, but one thing must be said right off: this was not a subject that excited the Knesset.

Landau spoke to an audience of 13 MKs and acting Speaker Aharon Nahmias. Only one Likud member was present (Miriam Glazer-Ta'asa), and the four religious parties were not represented at all. Four or five members drifted in during Tsur's reply, which still did not add up to 20 MKs.

This was the Knesset that, over the vociferous objection of Communists Meir Wilner and Charlie Bilon, called on the Soviet leadership to release immediately all the Prisoners of Zion.

This was the Knesset that declared that the State of Israel would continue to lead the struggle for Soviet Jewry.

This was the Knesset that appealed to all the parliaments of the free world to hold a special debate on the plight of Soviet Jewry and the Prisoners of Zion.

This hypocrisy must stop.

THE PARTICULAR theme of this debate (specifically, four motions for the agenda and the minister's reply) was the significance of the Israeli citizenship bestowed on Soviet refugees and Prisoners of Zion.

Under a law adopted by the Knesset in 1971, the minister of interior has issued 1,406 certificates of Israeli citizenship to Soviet Jews who expressed a desire to settle in Israel and who qualified for an immigrant visa under the Law of Return.

Of these, 526 have come to Israel, 54 have left the USSR for other countries, seven have died in the USSR, and 819 are still there waiting for the great day. The latter include 11 of the 20 Prisoners of Zion.

A year ago, a group of bold refugees smuggled out a letter to Prime Minister Shimon Peres saying that "the Israeli government's apparent unwillingness to defend our interests could cause the failure of our movement."

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Perhaps when the donor leadership takes the time to get their own facts, takes control of their own money spent over here, and stops being intimidated by Israeli political leaders in the Agency with vested interests, only then can we expect some real change at Youth Aliya and at the Jewish Agency. I only hope it happens in my lifetime.

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HYGIENE STANDARDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - When using the dining facilities of a five-star kosher hotel, one expects the laws of hygiene to be adhered to 100 per cent. Sadly, in Israel, this is not so and it is quite alarming to note that a chef in white coat was seen to leave a toilet without washing his hands. Halachically, this is taboo, apart from the serious health hazards such behaviour causes.

In general standards of hygiene are deteriorating here, also in hospitals. This reflects the lackadaisical attitudes that prevail in our present society. Surface spit and polish is just not good enough.

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The letter reached the Soviet Jewry Education and Information Centre in Jerusalem, which translated it and transmitted it to the prime minister, but it was never answered.

LAST MONTH, 38 Soviet Jews took the daring step of requesting the Supreme Soviet, Israel's Foreign Ministry, and the Netherlands Embassy in the USSR to register them as an association of Israeli citizens living in the USSR.

Among the goals they listed were: cooperation with the Netherlands embassy in order to keep in touch with the homeland and to obtain consular services; providing legal aid to members; cooperation with the Soviet authorities to help members seeking employment suited to their education and profession; and obtaining newspapers, journals, and books published in Israel.

This may have been hutzpa, but it certainly shows their mettle. And the Israeli government's reaction? A joke, said Geula Cohen.

Not so the Soviet government. On May 23, they arrested one of the signers of the petition, Boris Chernobylski, and it has since been reported that he was sent to Siberia. A letter written before his imprisonment by Boris and his wife, Lea, recently reached Israel. We can only quote a brief extract:

"We feel that Israeli officials in international bodies, as well as the Dutch consulate in Moscow, do not do everything possible on behalf of Israeli citizens forced to reside in the USSR."

"This is all the more evident when compared with how the Federal Republic of Germany cares about those Germans who seek repatriation from the USSR. It grants them passports, provides them with consular services, and even issues them summonses to serve a stretch in the Bundeswehr."

DON'T Chernobylski and his fellow activists know the score? Whom are they kidding? Is this just a gimmick?

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The sponsors of the four motions succeeded in eliciting from Tsur the statement that the citizenship certificates were not merely "scraps of paper." He said that in issuing them, the government implicitly assumed a measure of responsibility for those Soviet Jews. He promised to "once again" raise before the cabinet the question of how to inject practical significance into these documents.

OF COURSE, the problem of the aliyah of Soviet Jews is much larger than the matter of citizenship. The basic question remains: how can we get the Soviet authorities to re-open the gates?

The Soviet Union still being as much a riddle wrapped inside an enigma as it was in Churchill's day, no one really knows. But it can be said with a high degree of certainty that Moscow is not immune to the pressure of world opinion.

It follows that the more we do to influence world opinion, the better our chances of bringing the Soviets around.

The government, through the agency of Tsur, now grants that there is room for both quiet diplomacy and public activity. Which is not quite the way Anatoly Natan Shcharansky put it in a recent speech: "Quiet diplomacy has absolutely no chance of success if it is not conducted against the background of very strong public activity."

Unfortunately, I think Tsur has little basis for saying that Israelis today are more concerned than they used to be. In the archives of this newspaper, I find a report of the ceremony on March 31 at which President Chaim Herzog opened "a two-month intensive campaign in Israel and abroad on behalf of Soviet Jewry," and another report of the closing event of Soviet Jewry Solidarity Month on June 3 at Jerusalem's Sultan's Pool.

During the intervening two months there were only three items: one the Binyanei Ha'Uma gathering at which Shcharansky made the statement quoted above (and which the World Union of Jewish Students would probably have organized without regard to the special campaign); a rally at Dizengoff Circle sponsored by the Society for the Prisoners of Zion; and a photograph of demonstrators at the Knesset celebrating a symbolic Pesach Seder.

I read other papers, too, and am on the look-out for such items, and I don't think that The Jerusalem Post was atypical here. In general, I was hardly aware of the special campaign.

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SCARY ATTACK

IN MEA SHE'ARIM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - I refer to your editorial of June 3, "Israel's safe image," about tourism in Israel being in crisis again because of fear of Arab terrorist action.

I am afraid that, as an ardent Zionist I must add a new fear to the long list of reasons why people are scared to come here. My own recent experience in bus No. 9 coming home from Hadesah Mount Scopus, was unfortunately scary. In Mea She'arim, the bus was attacked by a bunch of ultra-Orthodox hooligans who nearly broke down the locked doors. Had they succeeded, what would have happened? Would they have thrown stones (which they had) at my head? Would they have killed me, or maybe just injured me?

How sad, that we have to be scared to death by our own "brethren." For once, I yearned to be safely back in Australia, where nothing as scary could happen to me. A group of young South American tourists actually thought it was an Arab terrorist attack, and I am convinced this incident will scare them away from Israel for ever.

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THE CURRENT debate on the rule of law and the role of the attorney-general is another case of slogans and catch-phrases beclouding the real issue. Democracy and the rule of law can only function in a free society when the central power in the country combines moral standing and real authority.

In essence, all democratic regimes are equally moral and immoral. Once governing is recognized to be the legitimate concentration of force - and to possess the right to employ it - "purity of morals." Therefore, it is fair to say that all democratic governments are equally "good" and "bad", at least potentially.

In order for the rule of law - our ultimate safeguard against flagrant immorality and injustice - to apply, there must be a generally recognized central authority. This must be based on both the respect of most citizens, and power over the entire governmental system.

That is why our nostalgia for the early Ben-Gurion days, or for the pre-Yom Kippur war period, is more than nostalgia. Ben-Gurion certainly and Golda Meir seemingly, had enough moral suasion and political sanctions (at their command) both in the eyes of the public, and especially in the cabinet and the state bureaucracy, to have investigations conducted without the ugliness of debate which we witness today.

At the end of Ben-Gurion's tenure in office, when his moral strength and influence over the political party and system he headed had been whittled down, the central authority became a shadow of itself. This set the stage for the collapse of Ben-Gurion's power and his ignominious and sad latter days. He could no longer apply the rule of law; partisan interests and supposed *raison d'etat* filled the vacuum.

Today, it is not moral authority which Shimon Peres lacks, nor public popularity and support, as measured in the opinion polls. The system by which we elect parliament, create cabinets and try to govern this

recalcitrant and stiff-necked people is simply no longer workable. Peres can no longer pit himself against an uncontrollable system. Nor could his predecessor, Shamir. As a result, the attorney-general has assumed more and more power.

A two-headed government is a "push-me-pull-you" creature. It neutralizes itself, and the chief tender of the law also becomes the keeper of the national conscience. But conscience without power is as bad as power without conscience.

THE ELECTORAL system under which we live has exhausted itself. No individual can prevail against the atomized party structure in Israel. Israel will be doomed to stalemated governments and the collapse of central authority if we do not change our demerited system of fragmentation. This system reduces parliament to a bad debating club, the cabinet to a travesty of government and tiny factions of fractionalized parties hold authority to ridicule and the national interest to ransom.

The present crisis, like all crises, need not lead to a dead-end. It can be a launching-pad for a new era. Would the serious and responsible figures in today's ridiculous system please rise and lead? Can we not break the hold of archaic politics and a counter-productive system?

The citizenry is becoming more and more disaffected, more and more alienated from government. We go from ridicule to contempt. A people, which does not believe in its system is a people ripe for a push. Will those who lead the parties hold an emergency national conference of the major democratic groupings and hammer out a new electoral law?

Time is running out! If we don't change the system, now, the system will leave nothing of the state to change!

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